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Resolved, That two thousand five hundred copies of the prayers offered by the Reverend James Shera Montgomery, Chaplain of the House, at the opening of the daily sessions of the House, during the Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fifth, and Seventy-sixth Congresses, including the current session, be printed and bound for the use of the House of Representatives.

Attest:

SOUTH TRIMBLE, *Clerk*.
By H. NEWLIN MEGILL.

Dedicated

to the

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With affectionate memories of a long association with a notable statesman and a distinguished Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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Introduction

The Seventy-sixth Congress was indeed an historic one. Its work will live regardless of any and all consequences. The Reverend James Shera Montgomery has served the House as Chaplain for a score of years. He has convinced us all that he is a friend of man and he himself a godly man. He prays gracefully for us every day.

It is the custom of Congress to publish the prayers of its Chaplain and we are publishing this document which contains his prayers. I feel that it will be an inspiration and a great help to all who are fortunate enough to come into possession of it.

Sam Rayburn

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SEVENTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

First Session

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1935

Great and marvelous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty! Let Thy work appear unto Thy servant and Thy glory unto their children. We would be still and know that Thou art God! We most humbly acknowledge our sins. Forgive and teach us that every renunciation brings us nearer the height of upright and heroic living. Strengthen us with that fortitude of soul that persists through difficulty and sorrow. The years gone by are ours by inheritance; the fruits of the present depend upon us. Lay Thy hand upon us that the welfare of our country may be held in the folds of every conscience, and lead us to carry our load of obligations to the altar of the Lord. Heavenly Father, inspire this Congress to ever safeguard the rights and contentment of our fellow citizens until the waste places of our land shall blossom as the rose. Unite us in a fellowship of cooperation for the common good and help us to act nobly in all the intricate relationships of life.

O Father of infinite mercy, we wait in this sacred stillness with urgent breath as we pray for our President. O abide with him, sustain him with good health, and crown him with wisdom divine. We bear upon our lips a prayer for our Speaker and all other Members of this Chamber, that each succeeding day they may have Thy unerring guidance. Bless the officers and the employees with glad and untroubled hearts. O Thou who "art the ancient of days," hear, O hear us. This ageless world with its mutilated hopes is in pieces internationally, economically, and racially. We beseech Thee to direct us to be its good friend by lifting the bogs of human misery and looking forward to the final victory of good over evil. Let religious and civic liberty become coextensive with man everywhere. O God of love, may happiness stand as a vestal virgin upon all our thresholds of all our homes and may all hearts echo with heavenly music. We pray in the name of the world's Saviour, whose crown mocks all the diadems of time. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1935

ETERNAL AND LOVING GOD, we rejoice that we have a bountiful Heavenly Father upon earth whose greater pleasure is to give than to withhold. With joy and dignity may we arise, conscious of that spiritual nature with which we are endowed. Impress us that life is more than a livelihood, meant of God and full of promise forever. In Thy supremacy of love do Thou refresh our distinguished brother and Member who is ill. Almighty God, spare our country from the casualties of disorder and continue to bless those historical institutions which stand as the traditional monuments of a free and representative people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1935

O THOU DIVINE AND UNIVERSAL LIGHT, LORD OF LIFE AND DAY, all Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. In these times of momentous problems, remind us that we are called to be fervent and diligent in all good things. Spirit of God, let our lives work out in righteousness of purpose, in kindliness of disposition toward men, and in most devout reverence toward our Heavenly Father. Do Thou touch our souls with infinite skill, that glorious aspiration may leap from every breast, that goodness and zeal may abound with gentleness and knowledge. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, in our breasts are yearnings for the unknown and aspirations for the divine. Do Thou enable us to realize these in the glow of feelings, in the vision of the intellect, and in the rapture of spirit. Our Heavenly Father, let Thy Kingdom come, in which abound righteousness, wisdom supernal, and the fruits of life everlasting. Herein is the priceless recompense that repels and conquers cruelty and avarice in low and high places. Always hold us, O God, to the vitality of integrity, of honor, and of truth; blessings upon all care-wearied minds and hearts. In Thy holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1935

IN THIS SACRED STILLNESS, HEAVENLY FATHER, we would lift our eyes unto Thee. Thou hast set Thy glory above the heavens. We beseech Thee to pour into our lives a high and holy meaning; renew, unfold, and refresh them. Even in the dark hours in which reason and experience fail, we pray for Thy comforting signals. We praise Thee for the assurance that Thy mercy strengthens, Thy heart forgives, and Thy wisdom will guide us aright. Send Thy light, which strikes a crimson pathway through the ages, and bless us with that spirit of brotherhood that breathes from the heaven of the Saviour of men. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1935

BLESSED SHEPHERD DIVINE, we rejoice that in Thee there is a perfect blending of majesty with humility, of strength with gentleness, of passion with repose, and of holiness with sinful, suffering men. When we yield to the waves of memory, when things are too deep to be revealed to mortal man, when the stains of living make us unworthy, do Thou glow out of the shadows and sharpen the vision of our inward eyes. Minister unto us and keep us this day in accord with Thy holy will. Heavenly Father of mercy, we wait; a herald has sounded at our door and a distinguished Member has left us. Let morning hope from the realms of a new day break through upon the loved ones in this hour of the translation of their honored one. O lighten and transfigure their sorrow like rain clouds in a summer sun and Thine shall be the glory. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thee that Thou art a Being clothed with infinite power, succoring the weak, the ignorant, and the sinful. Blessed Lord, Thou art the inspiration that lifts man from forbidding conditions and makes him superior to circumstances which deteriorate character. Heavenly Father, do Thou restrain and shape our desires and fit us for the image of true and divine manhood. May our heartthrobs be true to Thee and our fellow men. Preserve our Speaker and the Members of this Congress in the freshness of joy and hope and in the promise of life. Inspire every cherished impulse, every true feeling, every right ideal, and every high conception. In the name of our Lord and Master. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1935

BLESSING AND HONOR, GLORY AND POWER BE UNTO HIM who sitteth upon the throne forever and ever. Before Him we would bow down and bare our souls that we might receive the gifts of mercy and comfort. Almighty God, rouse us to the contemplation of things eternal and let their currents keep our souls in motion. To every fear Thou dost give a promise, and to every prodigal doubt Thou dost offer assurance. To any who may be in the gloom, with fitful and uncertain glimpses through the clouds and without a smiling future, do Thou steady and stay their faith in divine sovereignty which will never terminate until the throne of God itself crumbles. Bless our homes, merciful Father, and may they ever be the very gates to heaven. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1935

OUR LORD AND OUR MASTER, we thank Thee for that love which embodies the heart of the Almighty and which defies all separation. It teaches us that we may receive; but we are to contemplate the noble pleasure of unselfish and righteous conduct. We praise Thee for the historic background and marvelous examples of the prophets, the apostles, and the army of martyrs; they have enriched the soil of the world and they still live, but others are with us. Merciful Father, look upon the obscure folk with loving favor; they have no social, financial, or political magnitude. So often they are tormented with a useless urge to start anew in their bewildering world. They bear the chills of winter, with its bitter sufferings and temptations. Do Thou be unto them as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land, and may they have their recompense and reward. When the evening hour comes may we be something other—bigger, better, worthier, fairer-hearted, and sweeter-hearted. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou art a Being of Light, Love, and Truth, whose footstool is the whole earth and whose sphere is the infinite universe. In these moments of separation from the tasks that await us, refresh us in the higher joys of a spirit made free. Bestow upon us a blessing that shall be a treasured memory, like the unfaded flower with its unwasted bloom. Heavenly Father, as the National Congress of our fair land, we are bound by the solidarity of duty. Lead us to spread our influence to life and humanity, until our fellow men shall turn sunward faces with happiness and with the comforts of success. Blessed Lord, do Thou most graciously remember the despised and the dejected; quicken every fiber of our being that we may heed the injunction "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets." Through Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1935

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND, in Thee we live and move and have our being. Unite us this day in the spirit of brotherhood, sincerity, and thoroughness of life. These virtues shall fill many a long day with satisfaction and arrest the wandering mind from the fields of regret. We pray that Thou wouldst chasten the pride of our understanding and of our will, and reveal in us a diviner strength and wisdom. Forbid that our usefulness should ever be disfigured or vitiated by indifference or unreality. O God, spread the olive branch over the nations, ere they grasp the red hand of war. O Prince of Peace, come to the peoples of all the earth, we beseech Thee. We wait in prayer for him who, through the years, has rendered sacred the obligations of a public servant. Our truest sympathy and the tenderness of our spirit are with him. Father of Mercy, make him strong and well again, we pray Thee. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1935

OUR FATHER OF ALL THE EARTH, we rejoice that Thou are so accessible as to hear us when we call. Free our understanding from fatal error and deliver us from any false illusions and bring us into the full presence of the divine kingdom and the divine will. By thought and word, in sympathy and in purpose, let the humanities grow along our pathway in whose fragrance there are most excellent virtues. Thy Holy Word is with us: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Blessed Lord God, the winter's blast and blight with suffering and destitution are with us. We beseech Thee that the freshness and the generosity of our Nation's heart may be revealed as the poor and the outcast turn wistfully toward the strong and the provident. We pray that the diabolical and the worst forms of selfishness that war against the soul may die and that every heart may be moved by that inspiration and by that eternal sacrifice which dawn in the shadow of our Saviour's cross. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, we wait at the altar of Him whose name is above every name, the name at the sound of which every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess as Lord, to the glory and honor of God. By Him we are taught that it is better to give than to receive and that blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Do Thou inspire the very soul of the Republic to let a burst of radiance come through the dim, open doors of a remembered happiness. Let disappointment and privation, sickness and wounded affection work in us all a blessed and a spiritual enrichment. May we understand that through sorrow we find joy, through poverty we inherit true riches, and through humiliation we ascend to the seat of honor. Almighty God, increase our scope of thought and the magnitude of those sources by which we order our conduct. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, conscious that there is a power in the earth which transcends the works of man, we linger here in prayer and breathe "Abba Father." By faith, hope, and love may we discern Thy presence, recognizing the invisible world, its glory and inspiration. Holy Spirit, render divinely solemn our obligations and our obedience. Keep us, blessed Lord, from the tragedy of that love that never finds an object, from that ability that never finds a sphere, and from that life that never finds a mission. We beseech Thee to save us from that blind worldliness that closes the windows of the soul and shuts its door on God. O may we make with Thee a perpetual covenant which shall never be forgotten. Ever keep alive in us aspirations that need not be ashamed. Let them never be mocked or denied. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1935

OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, Thy mercy is ineffable, universal, and inexhaustible. Heavenly Father, condescend to hear our prayer: Winter, cold and barren, fruitless and flowerless, is upon our land. Its ravages are benumbing, impairing, and threatening the worthier things of life. Countless numbers have been thrust into this fierce emergency until gratitude is slow and the feelings of the soul may be deadening. Be not unto them an absentee God; and we pray that their love of country may not be fatally impoverished. Grant, blessed Lord, that wholesome ministries may soon be tested, tried, and determined, and the oak of harshness changed into the lily of human sympathy. We most earnestly entreat Thee that we shall be good Samaritans, going where love suffers and smiles to suffer, where friendship is most unselfish, where heroism is bravest, where sorrow is illuminated, and even where mercy blesses the least deserving. In the name of our Elder Brother. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, we rest and rejoice that we have such merciful evidence of Thy providential care. Continue to dwell richly with us, merciful Lord, by giving us firmness under resistance, hope in despondency, and consolation in affliction. O bring us into the realization that we cannot fulfill the whole law of God or climb the heights of moral manhood without Thee. In all circumstances subordinate our lower natures to the higher. Harmonize our emotions and keep them right. May they never be allowed to chill, wither, or rob the bloom and beauty of the immortal soul. We pray, our Father, that our temper may be kindly, just, and considerate of all men of every clime and of every section. Arm us with the fruits of the Spirit such as love, joy, and peace. We pray in the name of Him who took upon Himself the form of a servant. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1935

WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE we most humbly acknowledge Thy mercies, O God. Thou dost command the hidden hours of the night season and the daylight time to serve us; we thank Thee. We pray in the name of Him who took the children to His arms. Heavenly Father, do likewise with all the little ones who have lost their sweet, innocent songs. What a tragedy, a child without a childhood, like a day without a sun and a night without a star. Scorched and fettered, palsied and crippled by a baneful disease, they are denied the play hours of the early years and face a future so dark and so forbidding. Heavenly Father, Thou who dost preside over life and destiny, in their painful estate cheer, comfort and heal them. Console all parents whose lips have been put to this bitter cup. Brighten their visions, mark out their saddest colors, and give them peace in their broken worlds. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1935

Almighty God, Thou who fillest the heavens and earth with glory, we thank Thee for life with its privileges, hopes, and aspirations. Give us the impelling urge to move onward to the stature of the best manhood. Heavenly Father, enable us to realize most deeply the great trust which has been reposed in us. Each day keep us close to Thee and make us conscious of Thy presence. We pray, blessed Lord, that with honest hearts and clear perceptions we may deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee. Endue us with new purpose and power, light and grace, and lift us into the largest and noblest life. We rejoice that the temple of our dreams is not among the dead, but in Him who will keep the unity of the world from being shattered and transform the moral thought and life of man. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1935

Who is the King of Glory?

Our God and our Father, He is the King of Glory. This new weekday we pause in Thy name. We praise Thee that the Eternal One is love. It is the supreme and the undying truth of the world. Heavenly Father, much there is to bear and impossible to understand, yet no affliction, anguish, privation, or peril shall ever be able to stagger or confuse the divine care. Thou art destined to dominate the turbulent waters and hush the seas of human life into peace. In Thy holy name we pray that Thou wilt heal the sore in heart by giving them power and faith to look to others. Merciful Lord, bind up that which is broken and rekindle the sacred fires. To those who have lost courage, hope, or desire and have failed and fear to fail again, be Thou their rich and abundant portion. Graciously bless our Speaker and the Members of the Congress. May they always retain that vision, strength, and purity of soul that walks in the light. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1935

Blessed Lord God, Thou who art the abiding reality of the universe, we wait at Thy mercy seat in prayer. Everything that is best is here: the supreme pattern of character and where is inspired the essential principle of a good life. Send us forth with the ideal that we shall help the world while in the world we stay. May we never allow our conscience to be dulled or our affections chilled toward our fellow men where the lamp of happiness glows dim and gray. Do Thou enable us to hold to the realities of power, greatness, and everlasting joy by avoiding the false and flattering things of life. O Father of Light, O Spirit Divine, touch our souls that we may breathe the ampler air of meditation and devotion; delight the inner eye with constant vision of the pure and beautiful; lead us to drink afresh of the eternal fountain and rejoice in the glory of a golden sun and a purple sky. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1935

AGAIN THE DARKNESS of the unsearched realm has dissolved into twilight, daylight, and noonday. Emmanuel—God with us. Praises be unto Thy excellent name out of our grateful hearts. Do Thou bless us with a deep undertone of Thy living presence. Heavenly Father, enable us to determine the line of our conduct. Out of poverty may we gather benevolence; out of opposition, victory; out of despondency, courage; and out of fear, hope; and out of the antagonisms throughout our land may there come the glory of a new order wherein dwelleth reason and brotherhood, progress and peace. Holy Spirit, be in us a rich, vital force that melts all discord into harmony. For the sake of a more tranquil and better human life, strengthen us with urgency of zeal and with an upward longing that lie beyond the ragged edges of a turbulent soul. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1935

MERCIFUL GOD, we are unable to rejoice in an unblemished past. Be gracious unto us and bless us in the prospective ministries of unselfish service. May we identify our privileges, delights, and opportunities with justice, humanity, and truth. Help us to enfold them more and more in our own lives, for by these we shall rise to the competency of the higher life. Heavenly Father, inspire us to bear ourselves as citizens of an immortal commonwealth, carrying with us princely courage and hope. Through faith in Thee, may we never lower the standard or surrender our ideals. Hasten. O hasten the day everywhere when men shall love as they have hated, when they shall grow more sensitive to moral truth, and when discordant elements shall dissolve into the harmony of the divine will. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1935

O SPIRIT OF GOD, bend over us in sacred benediction that we may rest ourselves in Thee with quietness and confidence. Breathe into us that which is so requisite for us; approach the stature and the fullness of our Elder Brother. Heavenly Father, refresh us, and let us catch step at the beginning of another week, and move forward with hopeful hearts and understanding minds. Let this moment be dedicated to him who fell in patience and resignation amid the sorrowing tears of his fellow countrymen. In his passion of enthusiasm for the Nation, O lead us on to guard, strengthen, and enrich the institutions which we have received as a heritage for the generations yet to come. Blessed Lord God, may our aspirations ever be to put integrity into trade, ethics into laws, patriotism into politics, and equality into institutions. With malice toward none and charity for all, as time passes, may our country grow more stately, radiate more brightly, and fulfill the wonderful genius of the Republic. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1935

We lift our breath in prayer to Thee, O God. We thank Thee that the still small voice speaks not in stormy haste. Thou dost arouse spiritual emotions in the patient, waiting soul. So, Heavenly Father, we look up to Thee, dreaming and doing, thinking and working, and we pray that the unity of these may exist in our thoughts, each keeping the other strong and pure. We beseech Thee to save us from the oppression that drowns and bewilders and to let fall Thy radiant beams upon our pathway. Inspire us with the love that honors law and with that power that lifts man upward. Heavenly Father, in the past Thou didst walk with our humanity "in the cool of the day amongst the trees in the garden." Be merciful to give us an abiding sense of Thy presence and let us hear Thy welcome footfall in the garden of our earthly lives. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1935

Almighty God, incline our hearts toward Him who reviled not when He was reviled, who bore with patience and fortitude the cruelty of the cross and died with these sublime words upon His holy lips: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." We thank Thee for the divine love that means the emancipation of all struggling mortals. We praise Thee that it is so eloquent of hope and eternal life. Heavenly Father, do Thou rule above the convulsions and the confused strife of the nations. O stay their foundations, and may they no longer rock beneath their feet. Blessed Lord, engaged as we are in a series of earnest labors, draw us toward the truth and awaken in our breasts the richest sentiments. Merciful God, guard our lips, keep our hearts free from guile and warm them with brotherly love, and Thine shall be the glory forever. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1935

Infinite and eternal Spirit, Thou of the crosier and the cross, it is sweet to know Thy whisper, to hear Thy still, small voice and the secret of the opening lips, to see Thy leaning face, to feel Thy pressing hand and the touch of Thy finger. Father of mercies, grant unto us these heavenly blessings. Enlarge our spiritual perceptions that they may be replete with the wonders of the soul. O love us and trust us, and may we ever love and trust Thee. Stimulate us with knowledge and with wisdom to apply it. Blessed Lord, forgive us our sins, dismiss any undue rivalries, unworthy ambitions, and petty jealousies. We pray Thee to link us with the big things of life; arouse us with eagerness to hallow in Thy name all that we do. Each day help us to guide and bless the common good of the Republic, whose servants we are. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1935

GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY; righteous and true are Thy ways, and holy is Thy name! We thank Thee for the divine secret of opening wells of inner comfort and vitality. We praise Thee that their strength abides after the fashion of the world frays and fades. Blessed Redeemer, Thou who art the water of life and the bread of heaven, do Thou ever keep us in the folds of infinite peace. O gentle One, whose soft touch fell upon the upturned foreheads of little children and who opened wide Thine arms to shelter the poor and neglected, enfold our country in Thy merciful care. Father in Heaven, preserve the health of our Speaker and the entire Congress; give vigor to their minds, and shower upon all homes blessings of happiness, the essence of heavenly love. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1935

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who dost shed light upon the path of duty, be merciful to hear our prayer. We rejoice in the One of ancient days with His glory never failing. Where He is there are humility, truth, patience, pity, and love. We beseech Thee to let this cluster of flowers from the heavenly garden be united in us. May we enthrone them by kindly words, temperate speech, fineness of demeanor, and thoughtful procedure. In our civic life, in our neighborhood life, and in our business life may we always be true, tender, and gentle. Eternal God, discontent and distraction, arguments and assaults are abroad in our land. Do Thou so direct this Congress that it shall identify itself with whatever is truest in thought, purest in sentiment, and richest in wisdom, that our citizens of every section may feel the ground swell and recover from the lapses of the years. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1935

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon earth. Heavenly Father, we most humbly and gratefully acknowledge Thy providence. Amid the tumult and passion of war, staggering and benumbing the ideals of our forefathers, Thou gavest us one to inspire and light the torch of a new civilization. In the sweeping deserts of accusation and criticism, suspicion and selfishness, his moral earnestness held aloft the aspirations of a burdened people. By his chivalry of soul and undaunted spirit he reclaimed human rights, restored organized government, and became the morning star of the new world. Eternal God, may this day be one of rededication at the altar of our Republic. Crown our entire citizenship with the capacity to sacrifice and suffer for our country, which they love to call their home. We pray that this Congress may add flower to flower, fruit to fruit in our national garden until it is borne to the realm of peace and prosperity. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1935

Blessed be the Lord, God of all truth. We pray that we may know more of the inspiration of its vision and rapture. May they quicken and blend our moral dispositions and our conduct and touch the finest qualities of our souls. O Spirit of God, inspire the furthermost reaches of our minds and sanctify the most sacred affections of our breasts. Thou, whose mercy never fails, we praise Thee for the royal law of divine love. We wait in prayer, O Lord. We would bend a little lower at Thy altar; we would have no trumpet to sound our civic virtues, for our city is the travail of reproach. As its example and influence are felt to the ends of the earth, Almighty God, direct and stimulate all agencies which are seeking to break the manacles of lawlessness. Do Thou mold the statue of its soul; enter the very temple of its heart until all arteries are cleansed of their scrofula of crime and shame. Preserve our good name, consecrate our wealth, sweeten our labor, and bless abundantly our home life until we are heralded as a city of our God. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1935

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for the sacred privilege of tarrying at the seat of prayer. Here may we be blest with that spiritual discernment and faith by which we shall realize the sympathy and the soul-inspiring influences of God; we would patiently wait for the divine disclosure. Overrule our weak tendencies, our pride, and our selfishness which strive against the commonwealth of the soul. Forbid that we should permit anything to cloud and dull the visions of the spirit. Endue us with fortitude so we shall not allow any moral feebleness to mar or lower the standards of our conduct. We are thankful for the enjoyment of the lovely things of life; but inspire us with the ministry and the abiding issues of consecrated service. At this altar we are deeply saved because we have truly served. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1935

Again our Heavenly Father, we realize Thy infinite goodness and the assurance of our safety in an ordered world. They testify to the inspiration that saves and to Thy grace and everlasting righteousness. Often joy is touched with pain and disappointment falls upon the brightest hour, yet we rejoice that there is a good God, who wonders not amid the wrecks of a forsaken world. Gracious Lord, bestow Thy blessing upon us and persuade us that happy is the one who, in calmer moods and with wider vision, has abounding faith in the All-Father. Do Thou give zest to the spirit of devotion to our country. Bring us into the realization that only the workers know the sweetness of calm and rest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, we wait for the blessed issues which are felt in the prayer of confession. Eternal Love, pity us in our limitation and minister unto our immortal souls. Do Thou forgive and encourage us. Keep us worthy of life's "well done" and inspire us with the promise of the rainbowed throne. Enrobe us with moral earnestness and endue us with that rich, vital power that melts discord into harmony. We thank Thee that behind all energy, every blush of beauty, and every throb of human life standeth God within the shadows keeping watch above His own. Send us forth today not shallow-hearted but with morning zeal to fulfill Thy purpose. Merciful Father, move upon the souls of man to feed hunger-bitten lips and clothe windswept bodies. Arouse us with the majestic words which are set forth in the splendor of a truly good life: "Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto Me." In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1935

MERCIFUL GOD, we swing the incense of praise and thanksgiving before the altar of the Lord. Here we would dedicate the things we love and the manifold spiritual gifts of our God; O breathe upon them like the light that falls upon the hills of earth. The injunction of Thy holy Word is with us: "Commit Thy way unto the Lord." Any purpose in any worthy ambition, any way we are called to tread, Heavenly Father, fortify us with Thy unerring guidance. By faith may we take Thy assuring promise about the circuit of our lives, keeping ourselves unchilled by the blasts of sin. Throughout our country, bless all unifying forces which are enriching brotherhood and creating mutual bonds of loving and reverent attachment. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, we look up to Thy throne of mercy with thanksgiving and praise. Thy benefactions are like a goodly river that flows in soft and gentle radiance through the fields of our lives. In faith may we be dedicated to our ideals and be true to our immortal convictions. Heavenly Father, crown us with that soul power that keeps looking upward to the open skies. Hasten the day, speed the hour when industry shall rejoice and labor be glad and every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree. O may Dives and Lazarus soon come together, heart to heart, and each claim the privilege of carrying the heavier burden. Keep before us the unveiled heavenly hills where the great ones of earth stand clothed in the light eternal and where we hope to rest some day and unfurl the signal of victory. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1935

Eternal and loving Father, on this day so filled with holy memories and with immeasurable teaching, we would withdraw to the secret place of God's pavilion. These are moments of solemn thoughts and we bend low in humility at the altar of mercy. We humbly confess our sins; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; do Thou have mercy and forgive and let us hear Thy "depart in peace." Overturn the tables of traffic in the temples of our breasts, compass our grief, impress us with our mortality, and bless us with the song of deliverance. Strengthen us with a constant, assuring, spiritual power as a stream that breaks from the mountain side. O God of Bethel, pour into our minds wisdom and courage undaunted, and into our hearts mercy unrestrained; may they sound on the ivory pavement of truth and sincerity. Grant that the labor of this day bear the mark of distinction and intensity of desire to serve our beloved land. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1935

Almighty God, we rejoice that on yonder throne is our Elder Brother, apart in stainless glory with a face of light, with arms to help, and with a heart to forgive. O Thou who art the mightiest of the mighty and the holiest of the holy, Thy throne is forever and ever and Thy years shall never fail. We thank Thee that Thou hast brought back the God of love to lost and bitter men. We pray that we may hear Thy voice sounding in the recesses of our souls making overtures to a better life. Enable us to keep firmly and securely in our minds that love is stronger than hate, that truth conquers error, that right is victorious over wrong, that the blessed Father of heaven and earth is with us and will prevail. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1935

Our blessed Father in Heaven, as we wait in the noontide light of Thy holiness, we pray that sin in all its hideous forms may become revolting to us. Thou who bringest back the landscape from captivity, who causeth the dead things of earth to find themselves and who drivest the night away from the eyes of weary watchers, receive us as Thy children for the sake of Thine only begotten Son. Amid the discipline of life, fulfill in us all righteousness in what we do and say. Through striving and experience may the royal graces be positive and definite in our daily conduct. We pray, blessed Lord, to send upon us Thy richest gifts, giving culture to intellect, wisdom to imagination, and unselfishness to ambition. Grant that the particles of truth, the causes that break them up and make them fragmentary, may be brought together in substantial unity. Fortify us this day with those virtues that spring up under the arch of honor, faith, and submission. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou dost call us unto Thee; in Thy tabernacle is the mercy seat; here we tarry. We are not exempt from the great lot of mankind. We cannot read life's mysteries; do Thou grant that it may be good for us to hold that suffering, the tragedy, and the loss of human life, and the blight of hope are all working out the highest and holiest good. Strong Son of God, we thank Thee that in the defiles of doubt and in the valley of despondency, there is an unwavering light that forever beats against the throne of the Lamb and His glory. Let it fall and send us dreams that shame realities. O Master, let it shine on street, mart, and alley and upon all those who are cast out of human sympathy. We bear to Thee a prayer for good health, happiness, and heavenly joy to bless our homes. Regard our Speaker and all Members in divine favor. Bless all schools and all churches and let their influences be augmented a thousandfold. In Thy holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1935

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank Thee that the gates of refuge stand open day and night. Our Jehovah Father, who keepeth Israel, neither slumbers nor sleeps amid the wildest winds that blow. We are grateful, blessed Father, for Thy marvelous revelation which Thou dost make of Thyself to the children of men. We believe that the future is radiant with wonderful disclosures yet to come. We pray Thee to arm us with choice of purpose and with urge of soul. O move upon our spiritual natures that we may hear Thy voice, feel Thy presence, and go forward in unfaltering footstep. Blessed Lord, may the day soon dawn in all our land when the rich and the poor shall struggle for the right of sharing the present-day burdens, and with clasped hands may they climb toward the heights where dwell contentment and peace. O hearken unto us, for our hopes, our faith, and our prayers are all with Thee. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1935

Blessed is the name of the Lord our God who hath spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. We rejoice, our Heavenly Father, that Thou hast healing in Thy heart for the heartaches of the world and cleansing in Thy blood for the sins of all mankind. May we pray to Thee, not from despair but from the heights of vision and rapture. We beseech Thee to increase the power of our faith, make it stalwart and compelling: when we look into the sky may we see more than the night. Inspire us with the belief that Thou hast Thy finger on the pulse of the world and art thinking wisely of the home of the suns. We thank Thee that Thy mercies are new every morning and as fresh as a springtime rainbow. Open our eyes that we may see the rifts in the sky; open our ears that we may hear the voices that call. Blessed Lord, deepen the wisdom of all our fellow citizens, and may they add brighter luster to the day. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1935

Thou God of love and mercy, whom Jesus taught us to call Father, Thy providence stands again most blessed. Enable us each day to prove ourselves worthy of our God and our Father. Gracious Lord, our country, what a priceless heritage it is, with its splendid traditions, sacred institutions made possible by our heroic sires. O may it continue to challenge our loyalty and thrill the hearts of our people of every section. Seated as we are in the high councils of state, conceived as a sacred trust, do Thou put Thy hand upon us. Make us sensitively conscious of our everlasting obligations which we cannot escape. While Thou art God, and truth is truth, there can be no world, no star, and no universe where it is not best to deal justly and love mercy. Thy unyielding commandment is written over all things. Heavenly Father, lead us by the word of Thy truth, by the direction of Thy wisdom, and by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, and Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1935

O Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Thou hast again opened Thine hand and showered blessings upon us. We pray that we may show our gratitude to Thee by serving wisely and lovingly our country and our homes. By the breath of Heaven and the currents of earth, forever hold us from the cruel sin of ingratitude, which wrings suffering hearts and freezes the finest emotions of the human breast. Blessed Lord, keep our faith in men undimmed, and may we pour into them the spirit of a conquering life, which is

the supreme chivalry of earth. Heavenly Father, be merciful to deliver us from the misunderstandings, the misrepresentations, and the exasperations which poison life. Give to all who thus suffer, beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Guide all who wander; give certitude to the oppressed and help to all who are perplexed. O let love do its perfect work, and Thine shall be the praise forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1935

ONCE MORE, HEAVENLY FATHER, we are brought to the duties of a new day. As children of an infinite God and heirs of eternity, enable us to be worthy, long-suffering, and full of kindliness one to another. We approach Thee in prayer that we may be lifted up to that reason which is not derived from matter. Do Thou inspire us with sensibility to love that which we cannot touch and would not smother. Merciful Lord, let this old, rugged world be rolled to Thy feet and save it from the selfish and the designing hearts of evil men. In the mad rush for wealth, power, and influence arrest them that they may understand that Thy laws are imperative and that we can be saved only by loyalty to the God of all righteousness, truth, and justice. We beseech Thee, to subdue racial prejudice and narrow, bigoted, and destructive sectarianism, whose wind and wave drive to no desired haven. O may all creeds be swallowed up in pure and undefiled religion. Divine Spirit, descend upon us and bless us with the genius of heavenly love and power. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1935

O GOD OF OUR FATHERS, at this time we would open the doors of our hearts to the divine presence, whose love shall bring us into fellowship and unity with Thy holy purpose. Do Thou grant it, blessed Lord. Let us hear Thy voice calling us into harmony with the wisest and best plans for the Republic. Heavenly Father, with our faltering lips we pray for an anguished world which is still sharpening its swords. The paganism of war is still brooding over the ideals of empires based on bloody tragedy which is lurking in the shadows. On the waves of militaristic emotion, generated by the insanity of hate, crying, "Dominion or death," the nations are headed toward the rocks and shoals on which the countless millions have perished. Almighty God, put forth Thine arm against the savagery of human nature. Teach man everywhere that the world can never be saved through the bludgeon of force. O spare it from the blinding flash that soon may convulse it in the throes of death and destruction. Bring all peoples to the realization that Bethlehem alone can overthrow the Caesars and the road to the cross is the way to peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1935

Father of all mercies and Lord of all creation, the word of Thy servant is with us: "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." As we wait in prayer, do Thou empower us with the deep desire of wanting a better humanity. Lift us out of a circumscribed world into the open spaces of God's hill country. Enlarge our spiritual latitudes that we may catch the glory of the wider horizon of the soul. Almighty God, our land is burdened with sin, with people who seek alienation from the best, and with many who curtain themselves from the heartaches of human experience. Heavenly Father, as we deliberate preserve us from feebleness of faculty and failure of force. We thank Thee for the Holy Bible, which is perfumed with the breath of prayer. We pray that the sanctuaries of holy faith may tower above the pinnacles of mammon and our country be brought to its knees in the citadel of God. O open the fountain of inspiration, of cleansing, of righteousness, and let its reviving waters flood our land. May its power and influence breathe through the masses, and thus shall be removed the impediments of fate and failure. With smiling lips, with laughing hearts, yet with resolute wills, may we not falter in the path of duty. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1935

Blessed be the name of the Lord. We give ourselves pause to meditate a moment on the mercies of our Heavenly Father and respond to the voice of the human soul. In Thy holy name we would claim our heritage of happiness in a world whose Builder and Maker is God; we rejoice in the blessing of Thy marvelous works. The sun and the star beams shine for us; the tides ebb and flow for us; the fields and the hillsides will soon be dressed with living green for us; all Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and land and sea! We most humbly acknowledge that we are debtors. We are grateful for the pioneers of thought, for the martyrs to liberty; but infinitely above these we thank Thee for the Prophet of human brotherhood. Through Him we have been crowned with glory and honor. Forbid that we should move in a world so full, so rich, and so wonderful with heavenly blessings and be hard of heart and blind of eye. Inspire us to love life and hold it as a sacred trust. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1935

They that trust in the Lord are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever. Thy holy name be praised for Thy mercy, which never faileth. O divine Power, make and keep us sweet until we meet blow with forbearance, cruelty with forgiveness, grievous wrong with tenderness, and poverty with pity. Heavenly Father, be abroad day and

night throughout our land on a mission of recovery. May many who are shattered and reduced to weakness, standing on a threatening precipice, be made free, full of hope and victory. O God, so dwell with us that we shall willingly dedicate our powers to Thee, realizing that we rise into our highest estate only when we surrender to the best and the lasting things of life. Blessed, thrice blessed are they who watch and pray, for they are likened unto the tree of life, planted by rivers of water, which brings forth fruit in its season. The leaves of its influence shall live and tell the old, old story of our divine Lord in the midst of life's little day. We pray in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who dost weigh the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance, put Thy wise, merciful, and sovereign hand upon us. To live without Thee is to lay the ax at the root of the tree of strength and the blessedness of humanity. We praise Thee for the Christ of God, who laid the foundation of immortal life, and will never forsake the work of His hands. In these appealing days of His earthly journey, may we walk with Him. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness; make clean our hearts within us, and the raiment of our daily lives above reproach. We beseech Thee to set us free from the errors of prejudice, passion, and the perversions which mar the integrity of our souls. Almighty God, thou hast made of one blood all nations; Thou art the Father in heaven and earth. This was proclaimed ages ago and committed to the winds on the shore lines of Galilee. So dwell with us that we may honor all men—the humblest, the feeblest, the most obscure. And, blessed Lord, keep this truth in all hearts: "The path of the just is as a shining light." And Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1935

MOST GRACIOUS GOD, with a chastening sense of sin and failure we pray Thee to enrobe us with the spirit of prayer. O divine Teacher of the art of right living, hear us, for our goodness is so little as our sins rise before us. Let them fade from our memory, and may the royal pardon cancel them forever. Almighty God, we praise Thee for Mary's Holy Child. Inspire us to learn of Him in joy and sorrow, in strength and weariness, in success and failure, and in life and death. Heavenly Father, this present day, flushed with pleasure, intoxicated with the wrong sense of freedom, and blinded by the pride of willfulness, O stay its alarming currents; touch that life which is below this painful and forbidding surface. Bring forth the elements of good and the possibilities of recovery. Revive and make new again the sources of righteousness, and may "Our Father" become the universal name for God the Omnipotent One. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1935

Thou who art the Most High, we rejoice that there is one God and Father of us all, who is over all, through all, and in all. We praise Thee for Him whose footsteps are revealed on earth. Heavenly Father, just now let us feel the breath of the higher world. In a serious and reverent spirit we wait for this. May we be led in the practice of every duty and virtue. Almighty God, most graciously abide with our Speaker and the Congress. O Spirit of our blessed Lord, anoint our eyes that we may see, heal us with Thy touch, and speak to us that we may behold Thy glory. Strengthen us to greet the unseen with fortitude, the future with eagerness and not with reluctance; with confidence and not regret. With quenchless aspiration and abounding faith may we pass these days as the faithful leaders and servants of our people throughout the land. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1935

Almighty God, we trust that we hold in our hearts unspeakable praise and gratitude because Thou hast put on human nature and carried it up the hills of light. We thank Thee, Father, for Thy marvelous gift to the world. He overcomes doubt, destroys sin, cures sorrow, breaks down barriers, and establishes the kingdom of brotherhood in the minds and hearts of men. We are thus made free from annoying disquietudes, and are blest with contentment undisturbed. We pray that we may love Thee with all our hearts and understanding, and our neighbors as ourselves. This is infinitely more than whole sacrifices and burnt offerings. Heavenly Father, sustain us with a fine sense of human rights: The right to be well born; the right to know the meaning of religion; the right to worship Thee according to the voice of conscience; the right to work; and the right to have a share in the good things of life. Show us the path today, blessed Lord, and secure to us and to our children blessings of the fullness of joy. Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1935

Incline Thine ear, our Heavenly Father, and hear us, and may we not be ashamed to confess Thee before men. Direct us by the inspiration of that altruism taught by the Master and fulfilled in His exemplary life. This is the jewel of revelation flashed out of the mines of eternity. We pray that the passion to serve may beat in our blood; having this compulsion, do Thou shine upon our paths with heavenly luster. Give us strength to crowd out of our lives evil desire and sinful tendencies; in all things may we hallow Thy name. Almighty God, we come to Thee for help and guidance, for upon this Congress rest great and solemn responsibilities and the issues are tremendous. O be consciously near all Members, dominate our thoughts and acts, and in all things may we be wise, just, and noble. For Thy name's sake. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, author of all good and never far away from Thy children, we would listen to Thy whisper: "I will guide thee with mine eye." Enable us to cherish sincere, sensitive, and responsive souls toward Thy rich and assuring promise; then Thou wilt preserve us against every false way. Keep us from being victims of misconceptions, prejudices, and illusions. Courageous in the denunciation of the wrong, clear in the declaration of the right, may we stand as leaders in national, civic, and social welfare. Inspire us with Thy word: "To them that love God, all things work together for good." Help us to live in the spirit of submission, in trust, and in hope, believing that in many and in unexpected ways Thou wilt make our work fruitful and bring it to a fine consummation for the good of our country; so grant it, blessed Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1935

HOLY SPIRIT, we praise Thee, for Thou dost exalt experience and character to the altitudes of blessedness and peace. Preserve us from being spiritually marred in just the ebb and flow of work. Heavenly Father, may we be one with Thee, in every conflict with the world, in every bitter wrestling with passion and appetite and with every strange struggle with the forces of darkness. O allure us by the vision of the Master's earthly grandeur; unseal the fountain of prayer and inspiration and lift us to the tablelands where we may serve and shape our destiny. Obeying our finer sense, reenforce our courage so that we maintain a conscience void of offense toward God and man. We pray that we may be anchored to the eternal verities and herein realize the ideal right. Here may every duty be wrought in the spirit of consecration to the basic institutions of our Republic. In Thy holy name. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1935

REMIND US, FATHER OF ALL MERCIES, that the supreme end of man is to realize the kingdom of righteousness in his breast and to glorify Thee forever. It yields the secret of blessedness, the poetry of life, the flower of the soul, and the music of heaven. With increasing zeal and faith may we build it into our characters, using the precious stones of spiritual truth, godly virtue, and manifold charity and sacrifice. As we wait, open our minds to the rule of conduct which is, "Do right"; it is universal and perpetual in its obligation. It is Thy unchanging law in a changing world; we pray that our hearts may breathe this word. Herein is the highest virtue, the sweetness of serene faith, the hope that triumphs over adversity, and the bow that spans the storm. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1935

Almighty God, we lift our hearts to Thy throne of mercy and call Thee Father. What a sunlit and enchanted place is Thy footstool, which is all vocal with divine love. As we wait here in prayer and meditation, we thank Thee that Thou dost comfort and console in the hours of desolating sorrow which parches the flowers of life and withers its joy. Teach us, O Lord, that he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, for God is love. Put this angel of heaven in all our souls. Illuminate every horizon; speak in every harmony that thrills the breast, and let us feel the touch of that dear, human love that warms the world. In Thy holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1935

Eternal God, we thank Thee that the heart of our Saviour is a haven large enough to give anchorage to every human craft that sails the sea of life. By the inspiration of His teaching may we aspire to something nobler, higher, richer, and to something that carries with it more than our daily experience. Heavenly Father, bless us with the best moods of mind in which there are enthusiasms and spiritual raptures which cannot be expressed in words. O bring out of them the very best yearnings, hungers, and heart longings. Strengthen this Congress with the bond of brotherhood that works no ill, heals divisions, softens asperities, promotes friendship, and puts far away all malice. May we associate together as members of a common humanity, living and laboring for the good of our fellow men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1935

Our Father and our God, with the deepest gratitude may we thank Thee that we are still the children of Thy providence. There are no words that can express the fullness of divine love, whose height, depth, length, and breadth can never be measured nor revealed. Lift our souls heavenward, and may we be led to enlarge, enrich, and cleanse our own little world. Hear us for our country's sake; come to our social, economic, and soul need; and save our land from ill-advised patriotism. Regard the necessities of our understanding. Deepen the spiritual life of our Nation's heart and all that goes to make up a good, happy, and prosperous people. O put the fear of God in all hearts. Abide with our homes and our loved ones, and so long as there is sorrow to be assuaged, shadows to be lifted, and aspirations to be developed, Father of Mercies, bless them. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1935

MERCIFUL GOD, so long as the human heart can breathe, "My Father", no trial, however keen, can wreck our faith and defeat our courage of soul. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. We thank Thee that under Thy providence we have grown in all things that tend to make a nation great, but hold us to the realization that with every advancement comes greater responsibility. Set these words in all hearts: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." The seed we sow today will be the harvest of tomorrow. O Ancient of Days, we pray that it may be the fruits of peace, righteousness, and joy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, the world is Thy house; we rest in Thee, for Thou wilt not withdraw from Thy children. Though darkness is about Thy throne, yet here we say our prayers. Pierced, bereft, and broken hearted, O come to our brothers in yonder section, who are struggling, staggering with trailing, engulfing clouds of famine, starvation, and death. In their shocking grief come from behind the lowering heavens; help them as the barren earth seems to reel beneath their homeless feet. O Comforter of the Most High, rise like a star in untroubled splendor above the lowlands of desolation. Let Thy light break through with tender voice and loving touch. Allow no swollen fears or chattering doubts to deny Him who faced His earthly Jerusalem. May they dissolve like the mountains through the haze at twilight. Heavenly Father, flood the hearts of the suffering ones with new life, new hopes, and a blessed prospect. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1935

MERCIFUL GOD, OUR FATHER, we thank Thee for the disclosure of divine love, which is the most transcendent power in the world. We pray that pride, vanity, and selfishness may be subservient to it, and may it inspire in us the true life and the best self. We would be men who search for hidden treasure and for spiritual knowledge, which are more to be desired than much fine gold. The revelation of our divine Teacher has taught us that because God lives man shall live also; O wondrous words telling us that God is eternal and man is immortal; we praise Thee, most gracious Lord! As we pass this way, enable us to render sweetness for prejudice, prayers for hatred, gentleness and helpfulness to all. May we heed the great command, with which the whole creation is vocal, yet speechless and silent, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Hold us to the good work of life until we can toil no more—then let us appear in Zion, before God. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1935

Almighty God, we pause in recognition of the kingship of our Lord and Saviour. In His earthly life heaven lies mirrored as a radiant sky in the summer sea. We thank Thee that the angels of Thy love have encamped on our right hand and at our left. Enable us to nourish the best aspirations and transmute them into the beatitudes of love, sympathy, and service; these are the distinguishing glory, flower, and crown of manhood. In Thy holy name inspire us with the blessedness of the peacemaker, who lessens strife, heals enmities, and recovers man out of a state of bitterness and hate. O happy is the country whose citizens seek to realize the ideal of good will toward all men. Satisfy us early with Thy mercy, and encourage us with a simple regard for usefulness and a losing sight for applause. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1935

Thou who dost shepherd the night winds and makes the clouds His chariot, pass along the horizons of our daily lives. Make more complete our soul needs by leading us to cultivate moral and spiritual power. By faith may we believe in God, in His fatherhood, and in His redeeming love. Holding our shields above poverty and weakness, may we be heralds of a larger and a better day. Blessed Lord, be abroad on a mission of mercy, cleansing, and recovery; stretch forth the divine hand and bring back all erring children to the Father's side. Forbid that we should be lured to drink from the goblets of spiced sin or let fall the wreaths of manhood from our foreheads. Keep us in the paths of righteousness and truth, hold us by the irresistible power of a constraining and impelling love, and may it sweeten all the common ways in which we live, move, and have our being. Through Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1935

Thy mercy, O Lord, is not confined to the heavens; it reaches over the vanished past, the undimmed yesterdays, and abideth forever. At the inner shrine of the sanctuary of the soul we breathe our tributes of praise and thanksgiving. Thou art the Rose of Sharon and the flower of eternal hope; be Thou to us the fountain whence flow the sweetening streams, the sun out of which pours the immortal radiance, and the giver of life that is life indeed. Persuade us that the hour of our worth to the state and the social order is the hour of our self-forgetfulness. Assist us mercifully with Thy help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the meditation of those mighty acts whereby Thou hast given unto us life and immortality. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thee for the visible beginning of our eternal redemption, "The word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." We rejoice that the forbidding skies have opened and have let the face of God shine through. Bruised by the world's iniquity and bearing its sin and shame, having loved, He loved to the uttermost. Be still and know that I am God; to discover how far we have drifted from the right course and how far afield we have gone from the light, warmth, and leading of His precepts. We would commune with our own hearts; raise us up into newness of life, and may we weave the garments of our characters in the light of eternity. Whisper to us today; pity and bless the famished crowds, the helpless poor, the concourse with its teeming hearts and the crosses of Jerusalem; merciful Father, may they all look up to Thee. Restore unto them the romance of the morning stars. In the name of Him whom we call Lord and Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1935

ETERNAL GOD, when we consider the works of Thy hand, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained, we are touched to wonder and awe; but when we unveil the cross and behold infinite love struggling for expression, when we see Thy heartache revealed on Calvary's brow we are moved to supplication, humility, and penitence. O darkness that tells of the light that will never fade away; we turn our faces toward the earth. Compassionate Father, have mercy, forgive us our sins; separate them from us, for the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace. O hide the gloom through the everlasting promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Quicken our memories today as never before and take our places with Him in the world's redemption. Clothe us with courage to befriend, with sincerity to shield, and with charity to be merciful to all. Let the shadow of the cross be our watchword. In His holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1935

FATHER OF LIFE AND LIGHT, tarrying in the afterglow of the greatest day in the calendar of men, we would learn more of the earthly life of our Saviour. Today thoughts and themes are stirring and thrilling the finest spirits of earth. Around His brow, so pure, chivalrous, and holy, are the sparkling suns of eternity. We rejoice that in Him is life eternal and that He lives above the clouds of sorrow and the gorge of death. Give us, blessed Lord, a courageous sense of Thy presence and an appreciation of the royalties that belong to the sons of God. So often in the midst of responsibilities and

problems unsolved, touch the strongest chords of our natures. Help us to always hold the truth in all earnestness and eagerness of mind. Keep us tremendously aware that to love self to the neglect of others is a wicked and a woeful mistake. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1935

Our Father and our Lord, let us be silent that we may hear Thy whispers. O breath of God, let a spiritual tide flow into our souls, as in humility and reverence we lift them up to Thee. Thou hast called us to high and holy living, which gives rewards beyond our finest dreams. Be with us in the service with which we have been so signally honored. In all circumstances keep us brave and strong to seek the truth and do the right. O Divine Presence, be with us like the sunbeams that break from the golden window of the east, a joy-giving, illuminating, and a transforming power. And Thine shall be the glory. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1935

Blessed be the name of our Heavenly Father for His wonderful sympathy with penitents, for His gentleness with the weary, and for the harmony that runs through the discords of frail humanity. Thou ever-merciful God, inspire us with the dignity of our station, with our fellowship, and with that music that today fills the heavens and the universe. O hasten the time when Thy holy name shall be sweet to everyone and Thy spirit shall be breathed into the hearts of all men. Keep us free from all irregularities and indulgences which cut the strength of life's fabric. Clothe us with that courage and fortitude of soul with which brave men face the future. Enable us to be bearers of good tidings, good news, and good cheer, and lift us up in the sun-bright smile of Thy presence and let our deliberations bear witness to Thy guidance. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1935

Everlasting praise be unto Thee, most merciful God. We thank Thee for Thy presence, which inspires happiness, joyfulness, and concord. Thou who art infinite in love and wisdom, let not the star of this day fade until we have raised the level of humanity and the ideal of better living. Give us to understand that the spheres of morality and spirituality are most essential in the economies of society. As the springtime has burst forth on the frozen earth and the beams of its warmth have started to blossom woodland, plain, and valley, so start us with renewed hoping, longing, striving for better things. O let Nature, with its calm and majesty, disturb us with elevated thoughts. Whether the days be blessed or hard with trial, sustain us with fortitude and inner peace. Gird us with the strength of the hills, with the spirit that quiets, and with a compelling faith. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1935

BLESSED LORD AND FATHER of the eternal past, we rejoice that there is one God, one law, one element, and one far-off event toward which the whole creation moves; with passionate hope help us to cling to this ideal. By the tranquil guidance of Thy Holy Spirit, O carry on the work of man's redemption. Bring unity into the divided and estranged members of the family universal. Lift the clouds of discord and reveal the divine purpose to the pressing hosts of earth. Be with us, our Heavenly Father, and arm us with jealous care; may we be chivalrous of heart toward the weak, always striving higher for the standards of personal honor. Bless and strengthen with the spirit of forgiveness of injuries and with the other excellences of unsullied manhood. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1935

INFINITE GOD, the Father of our spirits, Thou knowest the foibles and tendencies of our human nature, and we pray for Thy forgiveness that we may spend no time in vain regrets, but with renewed determination we may press toward the mark for the prize of our high calling of God. Immanuel, God with us! May the divine power from the vast cloudy sphere be given us and transmuted into the condition in which we live. Our hearts rejoice that we have One who bears our burdens, who guides our ways and hears our prayers. Shield us against temptation and let us have the real joy and the full fruitage of a good, wholesome life. Bind together the very heart of our great Commonwealth and stimulate our people to patriotism, constancy, high aim, and valiant endeavor. In Thy holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1935

INFINITE SPIRIT, Father of our immortal souls, whose power and goodness are everywhere upholding the works of Thy hands, let Thy richest blessing be upon our Speaker and all other Members of this Congress. Establish Thou the work of our hands, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Endue us with wisdom and fortitude that we may withstand injustice, falsehood, and intemperate criticism. O light of God, shine through all of them, bringing out faith, courage, and other qualities that make strong and enduring characters. Enable us to walk each day without stumbling. By faith may we endure and by hope may we have eternal fruition, and at last give us a glorious transition that remaineth for the people of God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1935

Almighty God, Nature is speaking today with an insistence that cannot be neglected, and we thank Thee for its promise and beauty that touch us to deeper thoughts and higher feelings. The Lord God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid. Blessed Master, enrich us with Thy redeeming and transforming power and direct our pride, our temper, and our ambition. Do Thou take any blindness out of our understanding, any hardness out of our hearts, and any paralysis out of our wills. Fostered by Thy succoring influence and teaching, may we give full proof of our devotion to the cause of good government, plainly manifested by our daily conduct and by our public acts. Thou art the God of our joys, of our sorrows, of our hopes, and a Father of infinite forgiveness that streams from Thy throne of mercy. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1935

Thou merciful God, imminent in all things, in Thee we have our strength and comfort, our inspiration and hope; we earnestly entreat Thee to hear our prayer. We would join with all noble souls in warring against crime, greed, and injustice. We beseech Thee to dominate us with the spirit that is consecrated to the work of deliverance from the evils that blight youthhood and lessen the resistance of manhood. Father in Heaven, graciously bless and direct the churches and the schools of our land. To these we owe our best hopes and our highest thoughts, which influence and mold the national mind. Let the standard of the Lord be lifted up, bringing forth judgment unto victory. If enemies come in like a flood, O may the rivers of Palestine flow this way, enabling us to speak the brave word, do the brave deed, and live the brave life. In the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1935

Heavenly Father, today we rejoice in health, happiness, and in the pride of life; Thou art mindful of us when we forget Thee, and careful of us when we are careless of ourselves. Accept our thanksgiving and praise and hear our humble appeal that just motives and earnest solicitude may thoroughly direct the Congress. With conviction and understanding may we be men with a message, men with a purpose, and men with a spirit to meet the challenge of our urgent duty. May we resolutely bear witness of our fidelity and justify our high calling. Hold us to the firm realization that while God is God it is always right to do right. Gracious Lord, bless our country and grant that its broad and extensive horizon may soon redden with a glowing hope and promise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1935

ETERNAL GOD, we pray in the name of Him, whose face was marred, whose hands were pierced, and who denied Himself even unto death. We praise Thee, for He sings the deathless song of the immortal soul. Thou who art our Father, lift us to the gleaming hilltops of spiritual life and power. In Thee life is made worthy when we take the cup which Thou hast forever filled. Holy Spirit, urge us to altruistic planning, noble thinking, and generous doing. We pray that these may work through us in the wasted places of humanity. Grant that our ambition may be to gain distinction through deeds and to make it increasingly known that we are clean-hearted, clean-handed, and clean-tongued; thus we shall ascend into the holy hill where dwell the good and the nobly great. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1935

STRONG SON OF GOD, immortal love, we bow our heads and lift our prayer to Thee. Thou art the joy of loving hearts, the font of life, and the light of men. We ask Thee to establish an open way for us in the light of Thy countenance. We pray that our lives may spread and branch more and more, reaching a height of sympathy, tenderness, and helpfulness to which they never rose before. As we are debtors to the unnamed and unknown masses, may we ever hold them in sincerest consideration. Blessed Lord, toward all, give us a sense of honor, of softening manners, and refinement of taste. Father in Heaven, be near us when the light burns low, when the heart is faint, and when our faith runs thin. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1935

WAIT THOU ON GOD. Heavenly Father, in Thy holy presence may we have thoughts and feelings which are not inspired by false haste; let spirits be hushed and subdued as we linger in composure and tranquillity. With great peace bless us with a wonderful detachment from undue care and worry. Enable us to preserve our hidden and spiritual power; may it be renewed, sustained, and nourished. In the school of public service let us most assuredly pass from stage to stage, having expanding visions of our Republic and a growing realization of the essential need of a firm faith in the God of our fathers. With eagerness and with glad contemplation send us forth to the fields of duty, having energy with sight, force with a song, and a jubilant march of strength. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1935

Infinite God, we rejoice that in the midst of selfishness and the disordered condition of this life the fountain of Thy mercy is accessible and open to all. They that put their trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion that cannot be removed. Though our infirmities be as the sands of the seashore, Thou art our bountiful Father. We pray that we may have an initial leaning toward goodness, virtue, and truth. When different avenues of duty are before us, do Thou help us to accept the worthiest and the most excellent. We ask Thee to give us the right angle of vision of the needs of our country, and may we make our survey in the light of the teaching of the Man of Galilee. Holy Spirit, purify our dispositions and give enrichment to our personal pleasures. As we view the field of purpose and duty, of life and destiny we beseech Thee to appoint us to a place in the vast design. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1935

Blessed Heavenly Father of us all, our land, with one accord, has placed the crown jewels on the holy temples of "mother", the sweetest and most endearing of all names. Today we would wear, as a sacred tribute to her, the white flower of love and purity. Just now we would be silent beneath the weight of thoughts so sweet and memories so beautiful, in which we rejoice. To her we owe the debt of thanksgiving, which can never be canceled. In the travail of motherhood she went to the gates of death that we might live. In her arms we were cradled as she read the language of our smiles and the meaning of our tears. She soothed our childish sorrows; her knees were our first altar as she folded our hands in prayer; it was here that we began to breathe the air of another clime; from here she led us forth, with the purest thoughts, and put her touch upon our shaping lives. Almighty God, while time lasts, may we not cease to revere her heavenly name. If, in the journey of the years, it abide, our homes will remain pure and the genius of the Republic will live. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, in whose name we pray. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1935

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. We are glad that we are still in the hands of a living God and a loving Heavenly Father; before Thee we bow in humblest reverence. To Thee we are linked by bonds stronger than death and with the lights of the ultimate sky. O Faith! thou art a saving power hanging over all the things of time. The weakest life that flutters and falls to the ground is redeemed by a soft and tender radiance of divine love. Forgive us the instances in which we have caused one another pain in which we had no desire. Clothe

us for self-assertion, for public declaration of faith, for principle and loyalty. We pray Thee to let the week be a most useful page in the Book of Life, in the garden, with fruit, flowers, and sunshine. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, whom Jesus taught us to call "Father," we would wait a moment at the place of prayer before we hurry on to the lessons of the day. As Thy breath is upon us, we pray that old doubts, fears, and suspicions may be forgotten and fraternity and gratitude may flame on the altars of all hearts. Do Thou inspire us with the sacred fidelities which give divine quality to the humblest endeavor. Give us power to free our thoughts from those that dye and stain the mind. May ours be radiant with that faith from which is born inexhaustible hope and unfailing strength. Keep us conscious of our obligations and help us to shun all that is contrary to Thy holy will; strew our paths with golden deeds. We pray for our country, not from the depths of despair but from the heights of vision, rapture, and consecration. In Thy holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1935

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.

IT LAYS UPON US SOLEMN OBLIGATIONS; it enjoins obedience to the highest and best; it counsels righteousness and gives rich compensations. Almighty God, may we heed its call. Let us be severely true with ourselves by cultivating impartiality of judgment, sincerity of demeanor and action. With so many, blessed Father of mercy, this world means toil and trial; they climb the steep, barren, and rugged ways of life. We beseech Thee to sanctify their misfortunes; cheer them with Thy presence and help them to learn how to break forth into sweet song. Mercifully regard those who are prosperous and happy; deny them not of these blessings. The Lord God lead them to understand that every man's surplus is another one's need. Out of their abundant store may rich treasures of comfort and contentment overflow to others. Spare us from that egotism that blinds us to our brother's right and violates his property, reputation, and happiness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1935

THANKS BE UNTO GOD, OUR FATHER, for His unspeakable gift to the world. He alone is truly great who lives in the fear of God and in the spirit of the Galilean Teacher. Beget in us a supreme passion for a life of large ideals, of profound emotions and sweet and abiding friendships. Allow no pride or carelessness to cause us to regard lightly the wonderful securities of virtue. Write in our hearts the Ten Statutes of Sinai. They are perfect

in their character and perpetual in their obligation, and in keeping them there is great reward. Bow down Thy ear, O Lord, and hear. Do Thou cleanse and uplift the cities of our country; may they heed Thy law; every sin that blasts and kills is condemned by it, and every inspiration that saves flows from Thy immortal word. We praise Thee that Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and Thy dominion endureth forever. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1935

Heavenly Father, as we wait and look up to Thee we beseech Thee to draw the veil and hear us. Most wisely manifest Thyself in the deliberations of the Congress. We pray that our daily walk and conversation may be above reproach. We thank Thee that in hope and despondency, in sickness and in health Thy love brings daylight and pierces the dark with starlight. As partakers of the divine Nature, fulfill in us, with splendid serenity, the charm of brotherly love, godliness, and self-control. Enable us to be worthy of all Thy blessed providences, not by breaking our alabaster boxes on forbidding objects but at the feet of Him whom we call Master and Lord. Inspire us to reach forward each day for more knowledge and more purity, ever standing as true men before God and the world. Keep us to the deep realization that only toilers know the sweetness of rest and calm. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1935

To Thee, the author of all wisdom and goodness, we lift our supplications, our aspirations, and our gratitude; because Thou livest we shall live also; this is our faith and the sum of our hopes. Heavenly Father, Thou art speaking in countless providences, and we pray Thee to speak through us in service, in influence, and in example which bear upon public thought and action. Let truth of transcendent power be disseminated throughout the Republic. Grant that the drift of government, of churches, and of schools may be to make better men. May we be an inspiration in the accomplishment of the work of self-respect, self-assertion, and self-control. In the whirl and din of complex conditions, commercial strife, and contest may patriotism glow fervently in all hearts. To this end regard our Speaker and all others clothed with authority and assigned to public duty. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1935

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WE PRAISE THEE, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, for those qualities of soul that bind us together at such a time as this. We are grateful that at each swelling of Jordan comes a vision, each hunger in the wilderness has its angel, and each Gethsemane has its flower. We dedicate this hour to retrospection; let it be sweetened by Thy presence, and may all tremors be calmed. We thank Thee for the glad assurance of immortality. In the glow of this faith, the clouds separate and are lifted. Blessed be the God of all comfort, who giveth peace in the deepest sorrow and in the saddest bereavement. Grant Thy richest blessing upon those whose days are shadowed; the retreating footfalls of their loved ones have died away and they are alone. May they journey on through morning skies within Thy everlasting arms. Help us to learn of that love that casteth out fear. Finally, bring us to that heavenly fellowship with the Master, and with those noble souls clothed in the livery of God's house. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1935

UNTO THEE, O LORD, do we ascribe glory and honor, dominion and power, both now and forever. We wait to be guided by Thy presence, which invites the responsive melody of all hearts. We rejoice that the lights in Thy house are still kindled and shining upon the hilltops of life. In Thee we have a refuge, and not in our goodness nor attainments. Let everything that is selfish, proud, and impure be taken away from us. Give us a growing conviction of fairness and love for human life, however humble. As ours is a sacred ministry, pave the way and make the path plain. With enthusiasm enable us to give ourselves wholly to Thee and to the truth. Direct us to do the things that love, justice, and patriotism inspire. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou, who art the light for morning, the light for noonday, and the light for eventide, breathe upon us every fragment of divine influence. Send us forth with visions of truth, with meditations of duty, and with musings of principles that have rights of authority. We pray Thee to enable us to keep alive the plants in our souls' garden, by prayer and supplication, striving eagerly to bring forward the lagging virtues of our spiritual natures. Come, Holy Spirit, lest we faintly hear the call of responsibility and dimly see the way of wisdom. Be Thou the guest of our souls and their sweetest refreshment. Cleanse that which is sordid, heal that which is wounded, blend that which is stubborn, guide that which is wandering, and grant us final salvation and everlasting joy. In the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1935

Infinite God, the Eternal One, Thou hast spoken and Thy wonderful manifestations give witness to the oneness in divine government. We praise Thee that Thy fatherly goodness hangs like a rainbow above the life of man. We thank Thee that in this ageless world of ours we have the innocence and charm of childhood, the hopes and dreams of youthhood, the power and fervor of middle life, and the treasures of the ripened years. We rejoice that all shall be one in the brightness of the heavenly glories. Wherever right and wrong, truth and error are in deadly conflict, O let human progress roll on over all prejudices, bringing its everlasting triumphs. Identify us with all movements that bring us into the very richest religious experience. Endue us with incredible zeal that will work for the supremacy of those institutions that conform to the rights, happiness, and peace of our fellow men. In the name of the Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1935

We fervently invoke Thy blessing, O God, upon our President, our Speaker, the Congress, and all their advisers. O Spirit of Truth, move upon us, that under all circumstances we may be God-fearing men always abounding in good works. Take from us everything that is false or insincere and that which is alien to the divine will. Bind us together by the holy sanctions of religion, and may we increase in knowledge and in power. Heavenly Father, open our eyes that we may understand that whenever we have failed to be loving we have also failed to be wise, whenever we have been blind to our neighbor we have been blind to ourselves, and when we have pained others we have hurt our own souls. Thou who art our repose in labor and our comfort in affliction, let those blessings that make heaven rich and the earth musical be with all Members who are detained through illness. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1935

O God of the living, before whose eyes all creation lies unveiled, duty is calling. Enable us to conceive of Jehovah as Immanuel, "God with us." As heralds and leaders, do Thou come from behind the cloudy mists, and with hearts and minds may we bind up wounds and not make them; quench the fires of resentment and not kindle them. We pray Thee that we may not be worldly nor greedy, incautious nor careless, but be guided by the supreme law of all the earth, which is the law of humanity. Take from us, Heavenly Father, doubts and speculations and lead us to build higher than the waves of passion can reach. Widen our sympathy, broaden our understanding, and as we serve, grant, blessed Lord, that forbidding conditions everywhere may be conquered through calm and poise. O let wisdom, unselfishness, and cooperation break through and the spirit of triumph beat in all breasts. We thank Thee that Thy love is small enough to embrace a child and great enough to encircle the universe. Through Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1935

BLESSED LORD GOD, we pray that we may feel Thy presence, disturbing us with elevated thoughts and with that sublime sense that we should be something other than what we are. So abide with us that we may reach out to larger realities and thus reflect in our personality the likeness of our Creator. As the right must be defended and the wrong defied, grant that our convictions may struggle on toward open expression. Basing our primary duty on loving and serving Thee, Heavenly Father, beckon us on, for other foundation can no man lay. Open our understanding, dwell in our hearts, that we may deeply sympathize with the faults and failures of others. Let it become the ruling passion of the strong to help the weak, the wise the foolish, the rich the poor, and the good the bad. Shield us all from the polluting hand of sin, harmonize our thoughts with Thy thoughts and our ways with Thy ways, and Thine will be the glory. In the Master's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1935

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF OUR GLORIFIED LORD, under whose feet all things are to be put in subjection. Draw us close to Thee; remove from us all petty desires and take out of our hearts all guile, that we may indeed dwell in the shadow of Thy holy presence. Let the influence of Thy holy Word cross the horizons of our souls, and suffer us not to be severed from the great circles of life and duty. Fill the spaces in the firmament of our spirits that they may radiate with that truth which reaches beyond race, color, or creed. Heavenly Father, may we so love Thee that we shall love our neighbor as ourselves. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, we pray in the name of Him on whom we build our temple of hope and happiness. Thou dost have compassion according to the multitude of Thy mercies; Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins nor rewarded us according to our iniquities; Thou art our king and our judge. We beseech Thee to chasten and hallow us by the vision of Thy eternal holiness. Ashamed of our failures and inferiority, may we vividly see what we ought to be and pray that we may lead worthier lives. Identify us with the splendor and the unity of our historic institutions. Reveal unto men noble and enduring purposes that shall give them moral strength, and hasten the time when all peoples shall be righteous. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1935

Our Father in Heaven, let us feel the breath of Thy holy presence, which is the breath of the ages, working, moulding, and raising up all things. By searching we cannot find Thee out; neither by searching can we find out the wonder of the summer sun, yet we rejoice in its life and glory. O Sun of Righteousness, rise upon us as servants of Thine, and under Thy transforming power send us forth in paths of usefulness and unselfish service. Be with any who may be in the throes of despondency and distrust; make them strong, not in their own might but in the Lord. Clothe us with great fortitude to meet embarrassments, weariness, or unsatisfied longings. In the Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1935

We praise Thee, our Father in Heaven, that we belong to the commonwealth of an infinite God. All Thy mercies are flower-clad, full of bounties which are more than meat. By coveting the best gifts, help us to lay the lines of our lives according to the higher realm of our being. In this innermost temple of the soul the tempest is not heard nor is the thunder shock felt, for there is rest in the Lord. We pray Thee to give a sabbath to those who have no respite from labor, a gospel to those who care not for the truth, and happiness to those who are slenderly equipped with the comforts of life. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1935

"Give us this day our daily bread." Almighty God, in this petition of our Saviour's prayer, bread for the day was the great necessity with the swarming multitudes on the thoroughfares of earth. In this hour, the Lord grant this blessing upon the masses everywhere. May the heartsick be comforted, the ill-sorted drawn to Thee, and the famine of soul saved. Amid the opened-faced rejoicings of our avenues, sound forth Thy voice, "All ye that are heavy laden, come unto Me and I will give you rest." May we all come with our personal ideal of manhood, with our conceptions of the social order and industry. Keep us in the consciousness that we are the sons of God, possessing the sense of honor of nobility, and moral excellence. Open the way between us and the higher way and let our pulses beat with the choral rapture of a better life. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1935

Eternal God, we rejoice that we have a Heavenly Father upon earth who will not break the bruised reed; upon whom we can cast our cares and who has infinite compassion toward His erring, sinning children. Vouchsafe to be with the Congress; direct all procedure of government; be our guest and benefactor. Mercifully enfold us, that we may develop those

moral qualities which are so essential to the best type of manly character. Break down all prejudice; help us to guard jealously our language; cleanse us from all secret faults. Graciously bless our homes, make them rich by every possible association that contributes to happiness, refinement and Christian culture. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1935

FATHER IN HEAVEN, let us hear the voice of Thy unuttered word and feel the touch of that longing which worldly pleasure cannot satisfy; out of Thy fullness may we all receive. Enlarge our charity, ennoble our sacrifice, soften our tempers, and beautify the altars of our family life. Send out Thy light, O Lord. Let it radiate in our streets, byways, and alleys. O may it lift financial fogs, clear business embarrassments, and revive heavy hearts. Hearken, gracious God; may we hear the song that the wayfarer sighs in silence and see the robe revealed in his rags. In the garden of our hearts may the thorn become a fir tree and the briar a myrtle tree, and bless us all with the joy of a common fellowship. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1935

BLESSED LORD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, they that wait upon Thee shall renew their strength. We tarry that we may prepare and adjust ourselves to the ever-changing day. Enable us always to cherish the place of prayer; to neglect it is to allow the higher powers of life to droop and languish. However weak the body, keep the mind strong; however severe the day, let the outlook be unclouded. We entreat Thee to free us from any paralysis of indifference which holds captive and deprives the larger life of the spirit. Guard us from that self-will and from that storm of passion which prevent our emancipation. Let the light of a gracious God break through upon our wandering vision that we may comprehend our city with its needs, and may it encircle our country. O let the glory rest upon them and unite us all in confidence, cooperation, and sacrifice. Through Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1935

WE WITHDRAW AGAIN, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, to the gray and solemn ministry of the cloud. Encircle it with a rainbow; walk again upon the troubled waters and breathe upon us the spirit of the world to come. Bless us with the morning that shall enable us to look to the fulfillment of tomorrow. A heavy hand has been laid upon us. Another Member has been removed from our congressional family. Buoyant of spirit, schooled by training, and a wise counselor. Help the sorrowing hearthstone to feel the sympathy that comes from the rent in Thine own heart. Hide the gloom of the present through the gladness of the eternal promise: "Though

the earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." O Thou of infinite love, Thou of the burning purity, let the star of Bethlehem light up the stairway that leads to the Father's paradise. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1935

INCLINE THINE EAR, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, and hear our prayer: Help us to realize most earnestly that we are the children of time and eternity and that nothing can separate us from Thee; Thou hast made us and not we ourselves. We pray for Thy blessing that we may be kept in health and strength to serve our country and do Thy holy will. By an adequate use of our privileges, may we fulfill in our daily walk those vital requirements which are to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before God. In this service bless us with a freedom from excessive care. Sustain us with that calmness which is the very secret of strength. In the Master's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, as we wait at the mercy seat of prayer, we beseech Thee to hear us. Put Thy seal upon our foreheads and a consciousness of our sonship in our hearts. To be worthy of our intellectual, moral, and spiritual gifts with which we are endowed is our earnest desire. In all our relationships with our fellow men may we do unto them as we would have them do unto us. Hold us loyal to the stern ideals of duty, possessing a passion of patriotism and asserting an influence for righteousness. We need Thee for fleeting time, for shifting scenes, and for varying fortunes. O blessed Lord, be with us in life's transitions and teach us the sacredness of each common day. Through Christ, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1935

OUR FATHERS' GOD AND OUR GOD, we pray for Thy wisdom to strengthen us for every duty, and not unto us but unto Thy holy name we give glory. We entreat Thee that the Man of Galilee and the multitudes may come face to face. Come, Thou Almighty One, to the city life of our country. Here breaks life's blushing dawn; here, too, burns life's sultry noon; and here are the aged, with no light at evening time. O come to them with their eager rivalries, broken ambitions, petty jealousies, hard-visaged toil, and with their hard-hearted Mammonism. O come to their abodes of sweat, labor, and blood. Master of life, come to their two twilights of childhood and old age and stay their tears. Move us with divine compassion, which is love touched with pity. May all hands be joined with all remedia forces—religious, social, and political—to save, succor, and bless the forgotten crowds. In the name of our Elder Brother. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1935

INFINITE GOD AND FATHER OF MANKIND, we praise Thee as we recall Thy matchless words which poured like heavenly music from the guileless lips of the Teacher of Nazareth. Let His immortal truth remain with us. His strange majesty and dignity; His gentleness with the weary, the old, the suffering and sad; His tenderness toward little children; His patience with the dull and ignorant—blessed Lord fill our lives with these exquisite graces. Our Jehovah Father, may the influence of His earthly sojourn and His undying ideals move unsympathetic and self-willed men everywhere. Do Thou touch their thoughts and themes, stirring them and putting to silence other voices. "Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, we rejoice that the wide open spaces are full of sunlight and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me.

O Father of mercy, forgive our sins, cleanse us from all secret faults, and inspire us with humility. Make us rich in love that we may lose ourselves. Fill us with hope that we may endure hardness as loyal servants of the Republic. We pray Thee to consecrate all the relations of family life. May the hearts of fathers, mothers, and children meet together and the old and new be joined in one golden circle. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1935

FATHER IN HEAVEN, we thank Thee that there is no cry so faint, no cause so weak, and no man so humble as to be beyond divine sympathy. We rejoice that all distinctions are swept away. O welcome those who wish for Thee and live with those who long for Thee. Bless us with the more abundant life which is to heal wounds, lead others to hidden truth, open new realms of thought and new vistas of hope. Subdue in us any arrogant motives of self-interest and fits of temper—they disturb and even defeat our usefulness; they so often dull the finer instincts and crush the more compassionate feelings. Let the streams that flow from the fountains of heavenly grace flood our lives and fructify our minds. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1935

Infinite God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all the comforting and loving ministries of life, for the promise of each day, for the happiness of home, for friends whom we trust, whose presence is freshness and a sweet pulse of peace. We are most grateful for the revelation of Thy supreme sacrifice which woos us from our selfishness. At Thy command the mightiest powers of earth rise and fall; yet to Thee no falling tear is missed. O Holy Presence, keep aglow the lamps of devotion on the altars of our hearts. We commend unto Thee our President, our Speaker, and the Congress. Help us all to go forward to the tasks of the day in faith, hope, and the spirit of brotherly love; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1935

Our Heavenly Father, only Thou art holy. Thou art the Infinite One, in whom there is supreme excellence. Centering in Thyself are purity, sacrifice, moral power, and affluence transcending everything of which we could possibly conceive. Blessed Lord God, kindle in us zeal, enthusiasm, and self-consecration that shall give us the divinest of all powers. Brood over our land; many there are whose morning sunshine is darkness; countless lives that should be happy are embittered and blighted by poverty, unkindness, and injustice; help them to see the bow in the clouds. We praise Thee that the mystery of love is profounder than the mystery of affliction, and Thou art love. Inspire us to walk out of the chapters of the Holy Bible and put into our daily conduct a power that restores and opens up the heart of God. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 1935

Most gracious Heavenly Father, we wait in the shadow of Thy holy presence. Thou art so mighty that there are no bounds, so blessed that no terms can describe Thee, and Thy mercy so unfailing that it eclipses the grandest reaches of mortal beings. May we see our sins in the light of Thy countenance and know the joy and rest of forgiveness. We pray Thee to strengthen our faith in a good God, in His providential care, in the divine influence that gives courage in despondency, hope in despair, light in darkness, and firmness in resistance. The Lord forbid that we should be so self-centered, so self-assuring that we feel not the impulse to follow Thee. Imbue us with that wisdom that is priceless, which enables us to distinguish clearly the real values of life and puts a premium on high thinking and clean living. In the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1935

MERCIFUL AND EVER-LIVING GOD, from whom all blessings flow, abandon none of us; love us, help us, and trust us. We are here to work, perform a mission, and to be servants of the people. We do not pray for an easy way nor for a lighter burden, but for strength and courage to meet our tasks. We beseech Thee for an increase of knowledge, for widening horizons, for deepening thought, and for the culture of conscience. Heavenly Father, make our whole land to arise and go forward, and may its music and splendor fall upon our delighted senses. Enable us to see that our hearts are free from all jealousy, all selfishness, and all bitterness. O let the divine spirit emerge and help us to constantly seek the good of our generation, soften sorrow, lighten the heavy loads of human experience, and hasten on the better days. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1935

BLESSED BE GOD, THE FATHER OF MERCIES; we come before Thee with thanksgiving. We thank Thee for the amazing providences which crowd our ways. Give us to realize the love tokens which come to us in the multitude of Thy blessings. Let the beauty of the Lord grow upon our vision, disclosing the unsearchable riches of Thy grace. "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Fulfill this blessed promise in us, giving us strength of will, strength of affection, and strength of ideals. Be with us when we tread the dead level and when we go through those long reaches which depress the spirit. Each day may we walk in the contemplation of the richer knowledge of God who made us. As we go round about the circuit of our daily lives, in Thy light may we see light. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1935

WE ARE HERE, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, to perform the ministries of a sacred trust and our personal responsibilities cannot be canceled. Grant that our deliberations may be prompted by the pure motives of patriotism, by unselfish service and sacrifice. Give us strength of will to discredit doubt and honor faith, looking beyond the narrow rim of sense and apprehending the future. Do Thou inspire us with fresh power to touch common toil and dignify it, to meet weak and worried folk and help them, to consecrate labor, and sanctify the hard and the homely things of life. O let us be ambitious for the excellent. We beseech Thee that the Congress may be led to think wisely and cooperate harmoniously that great opportunities and possibilities may be revealed for the good, happiness, and the contentment of a better land. Hear us, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 1, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, before whom the angelic hosts veil their faces and bow down, help us to accept the universe as our Father's house and to realize that we are here to be saved by sacrifice and service; Thou art our strength, and with Thee we overcome the world. Thou who dost call those who are weary and heavy laden, those who feel the burden of their tasks, we beseech Thee to call us. We pray for wisdom, for calm, for peace, for rest of spirit to carry our load of duty. Father of love, be our refuge in weariness; give us the joy of work well done, and bless us with the approval of a living God. To know that we are in the Father's house and near the Father's heart makes living an abiding joy. Glory be unto Thy holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1935

GOD BE MERCIFUL unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth; Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1935

ONCE MORE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we are brought face to face with the duties of another day. Thou, who art the inspiration of the good, the beautiful, and the true, we thank Thee for the glory of life, for the power of choice, for the joy of serving, and for the courage of sacrifice. Be Thou the source of our longings, our hopes, and our aspirations. Kindle in all our hearts a sacred flame, which shall burn brighter and brighter as time comes and goes, and Thine shall be the glory forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thy holy word is with us: The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold; yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Keep back

Thy servants from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1935

O GOD, the source of all wisdom, purity, and power, speak to us that we may be guided this day. We pray that Thy spirit may come in all its fullness and possess us. Heavenly Father, come into our lives and clothe us with a fine sense of honor, with idealized love, with gentleness of manners, with refinement of tastes, with moral charm, and with the beauty of excellence. Most gladly may we glory in weakness that the strength of our Saviour may rest upon us. Adorn and consecrate our relations with the needs of all men. In Thy holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1935

OUR FATHER, we thank Thee for the Holy Bible—the book of righteousness, the book of love, the book of life, and the book of God. O Thou of infinite wisdom, who giveth of the same to all men that asketh of Thee and upbraideth not, write Thy precepts in our hearts. Deliver us from any overwrought self-assurance that our usefulness may not be impaired. Impress us with the foolishness to scratch, scorch, and starve our souls for just the things that finally throw life into confusion. Heavenly Father, stir us by the consciousness of the supreme ideal which is to minister and not to be ministered unto, to serve and not to be served, and to lend a hand. In our relationships inspire us with the spirit of the Master. In His name we pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 1935

O THOU WHOSE HAND HATH FASHIONED THE WORLD, and whose infinite breath quickens it, we praise Thee for the grounds of divine sovereignty. We would renew our strength, and even have the adverse things work for our good. Heavenly Father, day by day let us drink from the fountain eternal, daily feed on the heavenly manna, and may we neglect no means that shall instruct and help us. Let this be our prayer and spirit: "Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel and afterward receive me into glory." Blessed Lord God, may we not lose the full direction nor miss the providential way. After a while shepherd us into Zion; bring us to the "city of habitation" and to everlasting glory. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1935

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that the spirit of the Lord may rest upon us—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Do Thou keep us untroubled and unclouded by regular desire; free us from delirious fancy and help us to see through every perplexity and triumph over every assault of evil. Let the blessed divinities of patience and golden hope work in us. May obligation to our country, the subordination of self be fostered by a Christian faith. We thank Thee for a world which Thou hast made and clothed in all its glory; it is so rich in materials and opportunities. Make us altogether one in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1935

BLESSED LORD GOD, in the noontide light of Thy perfection we humble ourselves and pray Thee to make us wise to know the right and give us courage to perform it. We beseech Thee to illuminate, inspire, and fortify us against the blighting power of evil; this strength is found in the consciousness of divine favor, in the enjoyment of the divine presence, and in living a truly godly life. Bring our whole land to the realization that Thou art the basis for morals, the guaranty of public order, and the blessed inspiration of civilization and progress. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1935

O SPIRIT OF GOD, FATHER OF OUR SOULS, be pleased to continue Thy ministrations unto us; with gratitude we praise Thee. Give us voices to speak, not for profit but for the poor; not for self but for service. More and more make us men of loyalty, unselfishness, and of industry. O write the word of the ages in our hearts: "The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord, and he delighteth in his way." Hold us firmly to this truth, for where it is violated the social order falls apart. Father in Heaven, may we hear and may we heed: "God shall bring every work into judgment, whether it be good or whether it be evil." We pray in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 1935

FATHER IN HEAVEN, how beautiful and wonderful are the works of Thy hands; how enriching and exalting to the contemplative soul. We thank Thee for every good thought, for every heroic spirit, and for every spiritual power with which we have been blest. We bear to the altar of prayer the Members who are ill and weary in work; let the accents of Thy presence

comfort them. Bless them with Thy graciousness and sustain them with Thy fellowship. Be with any who feel the burden of life, who find the cares of the world heavy, and with any who are worried with their daily duties. As we travel life's common way be Thou our guide and inspiration. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1935

IT IS A GOOD THING to give thanks unto the Lord, and to show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning and Thy faithfulness every night. We seek, Heavenly Father, to give expression of our gratitude and devotion; praises be unto Thy excellent name, both now and evermore. We pray Thee that our labors may be based on a genuine feeling of brotherhood, that those whom we represent may be loyally served, to the honor of our public office. Each day help us to weave for ourselves, out of the great loom of life, characters that shall stand the test of time and eternity; and unto Thee we ascribe all glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1935

ETERNAL AND MERCIFUL FATHER, it is Thy blessed Holy Spirit that can subdue any turbulent desires which break over our souls, and brings peace and brotherhood in the arena of our lives. Imbue us plenteously with heavenly gifts; clarify our minds and purify our hearts. Enable us to act wisely and with statesmanlike fervor, with an eye single to Thy glory. May good and just government obtain for the richest blessings to all our people. Impress us that life is deeper and larger than all its activities. We pray in our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1935

O ROSE OF SHARON and flower of our eternal hope, help us to find in the hour of our sacrifice the thing that belongs to our peace and rest. Our times are in Thine hands and Thou wilt never fail us. Hear us for our Speaker and the entire Congress. Give every tired heart and weary body the balm of Thy strength; let all who are carrying burdens feel the divine might. Enable them to bear the oppressiveness of the passing days. Strengthen our faith in truth, heroism, fidelity, and in the presence on earth of our Father in Heaven. Temper our souls to communion with Thee and with one another. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1935

O THOU WHO ART SUPREMELY PURE AND GLORIOUS, we humbly acknowledge our weaknesses and tendencies. We beseech Thee that out of Thine abundance of mercy and compassion pardon our infirmities; help us to rise above matter to the soul, which is nearest like God. Be present with us

today, O Lord. Breathe upon every sentient human mind of every nation and every tongue. We pray that humanity everywhere, touched of God, may be lifted up, so that man may rise as the redeemed child of the Father everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1935

Heavenly Father, we praise Thee that Thy holy altar is ever open to Thy children, where they may receive wisdom to instruct, light to guide, and strength to uphold them in right thinking and clean living. Here may we find our refuge, not in our imperfect building of manhood, not in our righteousness, not in our purposes, but in the supreme love of God. May we realize how weak we are and hold on to the riches we have in Thee. How impossible it is to speak worthily of God the Father, Almighty! O we thank Thee for the gentleness of Thy spirit; it removes each spot and stain of regret, sorrow, and sin. Hear our prayer of thanksgiving, O Lord, as we ascribe unto the Lamb all power and glory. O may we be anchored to Him forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 1935

God of wisdom, God of love, inspire us to lay to our hearts the pure teachings, searching appeals, and heavenly promises of the Holy Bible. They shall be a shield and a breastplate in sanctifying and improving the common relations and duties of life; they shall be a bulwark against falsehood, suspicion, and unjust criticism. The blessed Father of us all, descend from the celestial universe and pour into our souls those glorious truths, influences, and hopes that shall crown us with fadeless wreaths. Help us to follow the royal road, and keep us face to face with the splendor and mystery of a godly life. Holy Spirit, breathe in every aspiration of our breasts. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1935

Almighty God, our Father, we wait in Thy presence, conscious of our infirmities. Help us to see what the higher life is and embrace unselfishness and benevolence. Teach us, blessed Lord, that the essentially heroic nature is shown in generosity, devotion, and magnanimity. We pray Thee to lift us to the upper range of life where we may experience the foregleams and foretastes of the soul's last ideal. We earnestly beseech Thee to purge the virus out of those lands which are inhumanly hostile to universal brotherhood, where the people lie helpless in the gulf of despair. O bend to their rescue and restore their torn and bleeding hopes. Graciously be with the Congress; may it have faith that shall not fail, virtue that shall abound with all patience, self-denial, and self-government. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1935

O THOU WHO ART THE BURDEN BEARER and the Lamb of sacrifice from the beginning of the world, we pray Thee to make our lives larger and stronger, wiser and better. Wherever they are, do Thou comfort the sick and the captives of misfortune; look with loving favor upon all little children. Grant that our daily demeanor may be a manifestation of fidelity and devotion to duty; may it show forth the worthiness of our high calling. Father in Heaven, free our understanding from all fatal errors and release our souls from the clogging and binding fetters of sense. Blessed Lord, open our eyes that we may see the spiritual universe, the new life, and the undying world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1935

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein.

THY SCEPTER SWINGS over all spaces, laws, and forces. Thou hast established them and dost ever renew and sustain the universal frame. Almighty God, we rejoice that Thou hast made us and not we ourselves. We pray Heavenly Father, to bring us into harmony with Thee. O make us worthy of the universe of light, beauty, and glory of which Thou art the center. Take our lives in these earthen vessels and purify them. When the wheels of circumstance grind hard, when our faces feel the spray of the tempest, and when heartstrings are stretched nighest to the breaking point, do Thou comfort us with these words: None of these shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1935

ADD THY BLESSING, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, to the labor of this day. Make Thy truth and wisdom to radiate at the heart of the Congress. Let us feel that the channels between Thee and us are not clogged. Keep us courageous that we may be patient under difficulty, strong under burdens, and sweet and faithful under clouds. O let not the flesh lust against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh. Arm us against this conflict and hold us to the higher forms of living. By the intelligent and generous law of the Golden Rule dominate every sphere of our conduct. Thus shall a beneficent influence be felt through all ranks of our fellow men. O Thou who canst regulate our force, measure our gifts, and fix the bounds of habitation, we simply and humbly revere and acknowledge Thy sovereignty. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, we rejoice in Thy fatherhood. We praise Thee that force and energy are not all of life. They that mourn are blessed; Thy comfort is for them. The merciful are blessed, and Thy mercy is reserved for them. The pure in heart are blessed, for they see Thee. The peacemakers, too, are blessed; and the world shall yet see in them the children of God. Heavenly Father, when the will arms against noble impulses, when the flesh makes hateful war upon the spirit, when our best selves seem to be swept by the flood of passion, we thank Thee that we cannot fall out of the heart of the living, loving arms of Him who said: "Come unto Me all ye who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." We pray in His holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1935

LORD OF LIFE, whose right is to reign and whose power is everlasting, we pray that our fitness for the public service may be demonstrated by the fervor and passion of our patriotism. Help us that we may never forfeit the honor and miss the garland of victory. We thank Thee for the accent and inspiration of the certainty of Thy words: "Be strong and of good courage, for the Lord thy God is with thee." Keep us from all hardness of heart and from the spirit contempt of Thy teaching. Spare us from the surge of sin and the undertow of its remorse and lead us evermore. Bless us with the strength of brave men, with the joy of work well done, and with the laughter of happy children; these constitute a heaven amid the shadows of the present age. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1935

The works of the Lord are great; His work is honorable and glorious and His righteousness endureth forever. He hath made His works to be remembered. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion. The works of His hands are verity and judgment, all His commandments are sure; they stand fast forever and are done in truth and uprightness; the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

ALMIGHTY GOD OUR FATHER, the sands of life run swiftly. We know not when the silver cord shall be loosed, the golden bowl be broken.

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you.

O may these words be the comfort and hope of the bereaved wife and children of the deceased Member in whose memory we tarry in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1935

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, may our prayer reach the depths of earnestness that it may become a real avenue of approach to Thee; hear us gracious Lord. We pray for a noble passion for God and for the social order, for a quiver of aspiration that shall put us high in the ranks of good, upright men. Let our station be as a jewel which only retains its luster in the setting of work. For the sake of ourselves, our country, and for our families, kindle our souls and endow them with intelligent enthusiasm for the wise, happy, and the enduring things of life; and unto Thee we ascribe all glory and honor. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank Thee that we may pause to pray amid the pressure of our activities. Thou alone knowest our needs, and we ask for a touch of that spirit that exalts, enriches, and purifies. Grant that we may be clothed with an earnest and patriotic desire to do great things for a great people; help us to demonstrate the wisdom of popular government. Be with us, gracious Lord, lest we forget that nothing endures which is not in accordance with the laws which Thou hast ordained; therefore make us wise and just in our conceptions as revealed in the incomparable life and character of Thy only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1935

THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH. Out of confusion Thou dost evoke perfect harmony, from uproar a sweeter music, out of ruins grander creations, and from death a nobler life. We praise Thee, Heavenly Father, for the love of the eternal; it is a link of gold, and our love for Thee another. O bind them together and let the rainbow span Thy throne, and may the crystal tide of grace and mercy bear us on. As the strength of the Republic is in the moral and spiritual fiber woven in the warp and woof of its heart, help us to dedicate all that is truest, purest, and noblest at its sacred altar. Bestow Thy richest blessings upon our Speaker and the entire Congress, and inspire us all to render faithful and conscientious service to our fellow men, and Thine shall be the glory through Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1935

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord and who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we entreat Thee to enrich our minds and hearts with heavenly gifts that we may abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. We pray for self-control, for self-respect, and for self-assertion

under Thy holy guidance. Help us to be strong and pure in all our intercourse with our fellow men. What we do and say today may they be in accord with the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1935

INFINITE AND ETERNAL SPIRIT, we are grateful that we may still come to the footstool of prayer to breathe our thanksgiving and praise. Draw us near to Thee that we may be strengthened by the purer atmosphere of the better world. We pray that we may more fully understand our Great Teacher and share in His confidence and peace. Amid the rise and fall of things, the dawning and the vanishing of systems, the friction of nations and the collisions of classes, O let us hear Thy reassuring voice: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him. Refresh us, blessed Lord, with Thy presence. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 1935

ETERNAL AND MERCIFUL GOD, bear with us we pray Thee. Create within us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within that we may distinguish the real values of life. We thank Thee for that aroma of pure humanity with which our Lord and Master was clothed touching the joy and beauty of human life. May they be clearly seen by us and passionately desired. Let us discern His sovereignty and purpose in the unity and evolution of the ages. Grant, our Heavenly Father, that His ideals may float on in peace forever over a happy, prosperous, and God-fearing people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1935

O LORD, OUR GOD OF THE AGES, we pray that we may fortify our souls by waiting on Thee and be filled with Thy goodness. We trust that we may tarry this moment with no plaintive word; bring us now to the realization that in Thee we may have the vision of duty and the grace of divine guidance. Evil can be driven out only as we bring to bear upon it the light of truth, the charm of purity, the majesty of right, and the magic of love. Father of mercy arm us with these virtues. We praise Thee for Thy Holy Word:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

O bless us with the mercy of grateful hearts. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 1935

THOU, O GOD, OUR STRENGTH AND SHIELD, accept our thanksgiving and praise for the dawn and the promise of another day. Hear, we beseech Thee, for the groanings of the great human family which is striving against fears, turmoils, and threatened tragedies. Many feel themselves to be only beasts of prey, weary on the long, long road and waiting for the night to come. Almighty God, help and comfort all who linger so frightfully in these realms and thrust into them by the tyranny of unholy ambitions. Lord God of Hosts, subdue and defeat all agencies of intolerance, bigotry, hate, and the gods of war. We pray Thee to touch the soul of every nation and every tongue that man may rise as the child of our common Father. Bless all instrumentalities by which light, faith, and happiness are diffused throughout our land. Inspire seriousness in the heart of the Congress, and may we never undervalue the preciousness of that which has been committed to us. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1935

O LORD, OUR LORD, how excellent is Thy name, who hast set Thy glory above the heavens. Clothed with divine love, patience, and sympathy, Thou hast revealed Thyself in the life and message of the Galilean Teacher. He loved the pure, and yet helped the impure; He loved perfection, and yet was patient with all imperfection; He was master of His appetites, and yet was a friend of the glutton; He was self-denying, and yet was lenient with the self-indulgent. In word and deed, Heavenly Father, send us forth to do likewise—to feel for men, pity the distressed, and care for mankind. Oh, the path of duty walked with Thee is a path of enchantment. In the simple life, with humble labors of love and with its homely happiness, is a never-failing spring of peace and joy; stay our hearts here, O Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1935

HEAVENLY FATHER, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. May we forgive one another as we hope to be forgiven. Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the children of God; grant, blessed Lord, that we may be made worthy of this merciful heritage; with royal hearts may we ponder it. We pray Thee to ennoble and constrain us to walk obediently with God, our Father, diligently and joyfully giving ourselves up to the very best in the heights; in all things help us to revere Thy sovereignty. As we pause, impress us with the conclusion of the whole matter, which is: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1935

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who art supremely loving, forgiving, and merciful, incline our hearts to do Thy will. We praise Thee that our God of the eternities is also our God for the moment, strong to deliver and good to redeem. We most earnestly beseech Thee that the riotous personalities of the world may take themselves most seriously to task and by an increase of wisdom, humility, and unselfishness may cooperate with the Old World brotherhood; let folly and greed be subdued, lest they blaze once more before the eyes of men. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. We pray that all patriotism may become so pure, so humane, so just that the place of Thy holy feet shall be made heavenly. O God, give us well-poised minds, pure motives, clear consciences, and high ideals. To this end quicken our sensibilities that our acts may be made worthy, our lips clean, and our language pure. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

Second Session

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who hast set Thy glory above the heavens, as we wait in the afterglow of the new year, imbue our minds with knowledge and understanding that we may be worthy of the vocation whereunto we have been called. We would be still and know that Thou art God and receive the inspiration to consecrated labors and righteous achievements. Bow down, O Lord, that we may most urgently feel the responsibilities that are beating everywhere. Enable us to distinguish between liberty and justice, purity and impurity in the things that make for good citizenship. Graciously abide with our President, our Speaker, the Members, officers, and the employees of the Congress. Do Thou stimulate every impulse that makes for wise statesmanship and inspire us to toil with that faith which makes the heart strong and the step light. May there be built in our own civilization a kingdom of God full of blessedness, and purge the Babylons of hate and oppression in all this old earth. We praise Thee for our Republic, for its glorious company of apostles of truth, and for its noble army of martyrs for humanity. Heavenly Father, fill our homes with melody and peace and bring our whole land to the realization that life is more than livelihood; it is love, beauty, and sonship with God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 1936

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we rejoice that the divine love is as enduring as the throne of the Infinite God. As Thou art the God of the whole earth, we humble ourselves before Thee and gratefully acknowledge Thy merciful providences. We pray that our affections and loyalties may swing unstintedly to Thee and lead us through cares, responsibilities, and perplexities to heights unscaled and depths unplumbed. Let triumphant faith run through the arteries of our national life and work with Thee for the coming of a more complete vision of righteousness, holiness, and peace. Thus we shall fulfill the highest hopes for civilization and become the teacher of all nations in free and Christian institutions. These blessings we ask through Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1936

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, may we hear Thee saying in the stillness of our souls: "Fear God and keep My commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." In our needs and in our aspirations may we drink deeply of the spirit of our Master. Keep the vision of our understanding strong and

clear, that we may vividly recognize the claims of high character, of duty, and of the public service. Blessed Lord God, in the face of this strange, tumultuous, and mysterious world, with its wealth of emotion and power, we entreat Thee to hold us as we beat a pathway through its forbidding tides. Help us to sing the morning song of temperance, endurance, and patience. With Thy Holy Spirit consecrate a shrine and sanctuary in our breasts and give us fortitude and wisdom that shall stand the shock of time. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1936

Infinite God, our Heavenly Father upon earth, we most gratefully rejoice that we find in Thee guidance when we are in health, comfort when we are in sickness, and strength when we are in adversity; glory be to Thy holy name! Do Thou gird us this day with the best, and may we choose well. Give us courage and aspiration that shall be tokens of Thy presence. O turn men everywhere from their wicked ways; may they no longer strive for the exploits of carnal warfare, but seek the higher achievements of the spirit. Heavenly Father, be Thou the bread of our lives, the light that we may see, the staff that we may walk, and the rock under whose shadow refreshment can be found. In the name of our Saviour we pray. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1936

O Thou who art the Ancient of Days, at Thy footstool we humbly bow. We praise Thee, for Thou art the Eternal Word, through whom all things hold together and in whom divine majesty and power are incarnate. Father, we ask for a vision of Him that we may feel our unworthiness and be moved to make a deeper consecration to our sacred trust. O God of might, flow through our human weakness that the trials and tests of life may lead us through discipline to a destiny with its glorious dawn. Deliver us from worry, and may Thy peace guard our hearts and minds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 1936

Look down upon us, Almighty God, with that compassion which belongs to Thee. Forgive us our sins and bestow Thy blessing upon us. Bless Thy truth today, and may its spirit reach the heights of feeling and the depths of affection. Be Thou, dear Lord, in all the retiring places of sorrow, where the human heart weeps alone and where faith looks up and discerns invisible things and where memory is exultant. We pray for the poor, for the overworked, and for those who have no work. We thank Thee for the Heart of Nazareth—how beautiful His sympathy, how gentle His judgments, how wonderful His revulsion from hypocrisy, cruelty, and oppression. O let the knowledge of the Christ extend throughout all our land. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1936

O THOU WHO ART THE FATHER OF OUR SOULS, supremely wise and good, dispenser of all our needs, let Thy blessing descend upon us in all its fullness. Quicken the good spirit in us and help us to fulfill the common duties of life patiently, promptly, efficiently, and without ostentation. We bless Thee for every movement that tends to bring men together into one great brotherhood. O let this broad, generous spirit possess all peoples of all races and creeds and join them in one great family. Thus shall be fulfilled that prayer which falls daily from countless lips: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Heavenly Father, lead us forth to enact this prayer in our attitude toward all nations. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1936

WE BLESS THEE, OUR FATHER, that there is in this great wondrous, yet blind, world a presiding Deity named Love. We thank Thee that He will carry us through the night and the flood to the shore of untroubled hearts. Wherever there is nobility, patience, sweetness, and goodness; wherever there is heroism among men, and whatever there is of good report, we praise Thee that these virtues are of Thee, the eternal and universal Father. Be Thou a providence unto all in our country who are wrestling against cold and hunger and want. Open the hearts of all men that they may remember the brotherhood that is between man and man. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1936

WE BESEECH THEE, O LORD OUR GOD, that Thou wilt be pleased to remember today our needs. Grant, our Father in Heaven, that each of us, in aspiration, in hope, and in gladness, may receive that help which human nature and circumstances require. Turn bad habits into good ones; change selfishness into benevolence; convert unloveliness into loveliness; and lead us on where love divine most richly glows. Remind us, dear Lord, that it is only under Thy guidance that we find our true selves. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1936

MOST GRACIOUS AND ETERNAL GOD, strengthening our weaknesses, stooping to our lowliness, and lifting us up, praises be unto Thy holy name. Impart unto us that spiritual power which is immortal and open to us the source of Thy unsearchable riches. Let us receive at Thy hands the priceless blessing of an enlarged manhood, cutting through hard human molds, and

thus be made clean at our hearts. O Thou who art the great Shepherd, lead us on o'er moor and fen, desert and torrent, into the pastures of unwithering reality. Help us this day to keep the eleventh commandment of our Lord. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1936

We thank Thee, O loving Father, that we are not alone praying and longing for a better world. We praise Thee that love is a divine power; O let it be destined to fill the whole earth with its kind. While it is loveless in so many places, we entreat Thee to give us patience to labor on. With triumphant faith strengthen us in the spirit of self-forgetfulness that we may spill it over in the lives of others in good works and good cheer, always keeping our lips clean and our hearts pure. Blessed Lord God, may we aspire to a life so simple, so natural, and so brotherly that we shall be able to enter into sympathetic relations with man everywhere. Do Thou equip us for the gladsome and effective discharge of our duties this day. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1936

Most merciful and loving Father, whose children we are, the words of Thy servant of old are with us: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in." Almighty God, help us to lift up our heads, that the King of the eternities, whose glory fills the universe, may shine round about us, thus inspiring us to render faithful service to our country. Direct our hearts to lofty altitudes and set our feet in the ways of helpfulness. Give the charm of gentleness to our conduct and let the tone of tenderness carry love's message over all barriers to our fellow men. Through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1936

Almighty God, Thou who holdest in Thy heart the secret of life and the mystery of death, harken as we pause with a bowed and sorrowing world. A noble sovereign, grandly human and just, has passed through the portals of time. He has left a heritage of wisdom, power, and goodness which reaches to the ends of the earth. Lord God of the nations, we praise Thee for his rich Christian character, for his fidelity to the right, and for the way he mastered the rush of feeling in the darkest moments of his realm. Great soul, he marked the star in the darkness, he heard the music on the waters and the still small voice in the deluge. O comfort his people we pray. As we approach our tasks, may we believe in the resurrection and in the life eternal. We wait for the breath of God. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1936

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, enable us to realize each day our great responsibilities. Ever lead us to put our labors on the side of right, truth, and justice. We beseech Thee to strengthen us by a serene and sober optimism, quickening our consciences, and walking in the light of Thy countenance. Give Thy blessing to all tired bodies, jaded minds, and sick souls. Let the revelation of Thy only begotten Son be our ideal; we pray that our knowledge and influence may soften the burdens of society and hasten on the better days. In the name of our Lord and Master. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, we pray that Thy kingdom of righteousness and love may be established in all our hearts. Forgive us our sins and separate them from us forever. Break down every wall that sets us at variance with our fellow men. Losing sight of our own shadow, untouched by selfishness, make us a gracious influence for good. Draw near to any who may be suffering with any affliction and gather us all unto Thyself. Open our eyes to splendid visions and make us heirs of mighty hopes. Teach us how to grow strong through patience and grant that every difficulty may be rich in compensation. By the tireless ministry of the Congress may a new epoch be marked in the life of the Republic. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1936

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, may our eyes ever be open to behold the goodness of the Lord; let us cherish that heavenly gift—the mercy of a thankful heart. We rejoice that by the delicate discipline of Thy redeeming love Thou dost wipe away the tears from the face turned toward Thee. O may the energy of love replace hate; let the inspiration of hope subdue fear and let the spirit of joy prevail over suffering. We pray that the altars of the land may turn to the poor, bereft of comfort. O great is their grief, their spirits faint, and their hearthstones bare. O let love linger here, aflame with the passion of service. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1936

O GOD, OUR EVERLASTING FATHER, we thank Thee for the fidelity and for the surpassing wonder of divine love. We pray Thee to clothe us with that spirit of charity that thinks no evil, that loves not suspicion and is slow to detect it in men. We pray Thee to deliver us from downward-weighing temptations that root us in pride and selfishness. Heavenly Father, the cries of suffering ones are in our ears; they are overcrowded with privations and driven out of courage. Do Thou direct human hands to turn their way, lingering early and late with rich blessings. Crown the Congress, we

beseech Thee, with wisdom and with the wealth of mind and heart that bring forth the fruits of happiness and contentment. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1936

HEAVENLY FATHER, we rejoice that the things which gladden, enrich, and perfect life are Thy gifts; Thou, O Lord, art the supreme Giver and the source of all our blessings. We pray that our thoughts and affections may be centered on Thee, forgetting not Thy benefits. Through Thee we have the eternal faithfulness and love which constitute the essential glory and the well-being of human life; help us to walk in Thy wisdom with grateful hearts. Forgive our faults and temper, which often lessen our influence and mar the force and beauty of the finer qualities of character. Take unto Thy care our Speaker and all other Members of the Congress; give them health and strength in the accomplishment and fulfillment of their high calling. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1936

EVER BLESSED LORD GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we praise Thee for the abiding realities which are shown forth in Thy loving and ever-living providence; we therefore trust Thy perfect government and Thy glorious purpose. We ask Thee to manifest Thyself today by blessing us with grace and self-possession. These will sustain us in the severest trials and hold us from being swayed by vain and inordinate desire. We pray Thee to make us wise in our conceptions, firm in our convictions; grant that the purest instincts of our being may find full fruition in obedience to Thy holy laws. As we journey on through life's rugged way, may be glorify Thee in a faithful service to our fellow men. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, we pause in that name which is above every name in heaven and in earth. We thank Thee that Thou art mightier than human burdens, deeper than human grief, and vaster than human needs. Heavenly Father, how helpless we feel in the sight of suffering humanity. Give us grace to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; may our breasts be full of that charity which suffereth long and is kind. Vouchsafe Thine especial thought and wisdom to the Congress. Give light and clarity of judgment to any who may be in perplexity, patience to those whose trials continue, and courage to any who may be grievously tempted. Blessed Lord, lift us all to the higher planes of thought and life until we reach the sweet tablelands of the heavenly places. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1936

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we rejoice that we may wait in Thy holy presence, a sanctuary of love, a fountain of all wisdom, goodness, and power. Today give inspiration to our higher natures, conquest to the strength of reason, and courage to faith. Do Thou quicken our impulses toward a better, purer, and a more heroic life. Reveal Thyself, O Lord, to any whose vision may be sorely perplexed, who fear to let out their souls in trust, and to all of us who are conscious of our sins. Bless us with the sweetness and the calmness of peace, with that strange joy that steals upon the soul a language taught by no man and a treasure that cannot be hidden. Fortify us, our Father, with peace in action, peace in the performance of duty, and with that peace in sickness which brings to pass the transfiguration of all sufferers. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1936

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, enlarge our spiritual vision that we may discern in the human heart the image of its Maker. We pray Thee to deliver any of us from that prejudice which hardens into permanent judgment. Thou who art the Sun of Righteousness, draw very, very near us that we may feel Thine everlasting benediction; bear with our imperfections and forgive our iniquities, and lead us steadily forward to a more blessed estate. Keep us, blessed Lord, from ignoble ease, love of applause, and self-aggrandizement. We beseech Thee to ever inspire us to choose that noble ideal which has its source in the depths of illuminated and loving hearts. Almighty God, in the eyes of our beloved country, may we be esteemed as servants with cordial sympathies and affections for our fellow men, rich-toned men wearing the crown of virtue. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1936

O THOU WHO ART SUPREMELY HOLY, we approach Thee in an attitude of prayer that we may be clothed with that spirit which knows no anger, turmoil, or strife. At Thy footstool may we reconsecrate ourselves to purity and truth; bind us together in the bonds of cooperation, brotherhood, and in that love "that thinketh no evil." We pray that our minds may be deep and broad, craving knowledge and wisdom for the pursuit of our daily tasks. We urgently ask Thee, our Father, to unite our country to revere the laws which mold our public life and safeguard our destiny. Do Thou enthrone in the very heart of our Nation that divine momentum and unfailing spirtual power that radiate from the heart of the Almighty One. Give us strength for fresh endeavor and bring forth in our own breasts a beautiful and transcendent experience, and Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1936

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, in Thine only begotten Son we seek the true Master, the grace to keep the highest law and the eternal rule of conduct. O Thou who withholdeth no good thing, render our souls more acute to catch the whispers of Thy voice and let "the inward man be renewed daily." We pray Thee that Thou wilt witness no harshness in our behavior and no resentment in our spirit. Blessed Lord, guard our hearts; and may they be harmonized with the sweet, strong order of the kingdom of God. Allow nothing to blind us to the mercy that never faileth. O be with us lest we forget and wander from the paths of rectitude and duty and prove ourselves recreant to the trust which has been imposed in us, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1936

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, at the beginning of another day we most humbly praise Thee for the divinity which Thou hast implanted in us; it binds us forever to the Father's heart.

In the night of death, hope sees a star and listening, love catches the rustle of the wings. Augment the thought in us, O God, that he most lives who thinks most, feels noblest, and acts best.

Gracious Lord, a most distinguished son of the Republic has passed to the larger life, leaving a void in the hearts of those who knew him best. Through many years he proved himself worthy by his public service and by his nobility of soul.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

O blessed undying truth, which bridges the gulf and makes the continuity of life a glorious reality. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1936

GIVE EAR, O SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL, we pray Thee, and stretch forth Thine hand from above. Hold us back from presumptuous sins and keep us free from the ignoble delights of pride and revenge. Heavenly Father, purify our hearts and justify our daily conduct by kindling and fortifying every gift and privilege of our complex lives. Concerned as we are with the rights and the enrichment of humanity, we beseech Thee that the poor in this abundant land may be blessed with peace and plenty. Lord God of the nations, remember most mercifully our country; may it strive for those ideals that make a nation great and glorious. Hasten the day when Thy promises shall be fulfilled and the knowledge of the truth shall be abroad in all the world. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1936

WE THANK THEE, OUR FATHER, that Thou hast not forgotten to be merciful; O let Thy goodness prompt us to penitence and faith. Bring us into an expectant and responsive mood that shall enable us to see, feel, and grasp the needs of our people in every section of our land. O God, we pause in memory of an immortal son of our own soil. He guided the destinies of the Republic and lives in the throbbing hearts of a united people. Insensible to the words of praise, pillowed in the soft bosom of kindly earth, the stir of great events cannot break his calm repose; neither the call of duty nor the sob of grief can move his warm heart again. Almighty God, we pray that his great soul may live in the evolution of right and in the highest ideals of free government. Grant that it may be an inspiration for liberty and equality, giving our whole Nation a momentum for humanity while the years roll on. In the name of our Elder Brother. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1936

MERCIFUL FATHER, author of all good, Thou who dost pour out Thy bounty on the small and large, the bad and the good, bring us into companionship with Thee; let us know that sweetness of spiritual power that is born of exceeding loveliness. Gracious Lord, teach us how to walk with patience, with faithfulness, rebuking evil with discernment. Give us courage to speak the truth with that spirit which suppresses vexation and trouble. "The Lord God is a sun and shield; He will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." "The Lord redeemeth the souls of His servants, and none of them that trust Him shall be desolate." In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord and Saviour, who touched the very depths of sacrificial love, be our portion now and forever. We thank Thee for the assurance that Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee because he trusteth in Thee. O God, enrich our souls, give us new conceptions of life, new meanings of the Holy Bible, and new outlooks on the eternal. All that we can claim of time is today; help us to live it well. We shall then be prepared for a better tomorrow. Grant that righteousness may prevail throughout our whole land. O purge the

evil leaven that poisons its arteries and cleanse them of sin, shame, and falsehood; pour into its veins a new life, rich in power, health, and blessing. Let Thy gracious favor rest upon the Congress this day, and Thine shall be the praise forever. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1936

GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE THY WORKS, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY; just and true are Thy ways. O the depth of Thy riches, both of Thy wisdom and knowledge; how unsearchable are Thy judgments; and Thy ways are past finding out. Heavenly Father, we dare put our faith in Thee and in Thy ultimate purpose; we know that we shall not be confounded. We pray that the path of duty walked with Thee may be the path of enchantment, an unfailing spring of peace and joy. More and more may we witness the moral and spiritual triumph of our country by the growing multitudes of good fathers, pure mothers, obedient children, just masters, and honest servants. We wait, we listen, O Lord God, to the Min trel of Israel. Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations; before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. We pray in our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1936

OUR FATHER, most merciful and gracious, we praise Thee that it is Thy will to bear with men, to be patient with them, to be gentle toward them, and to be forbearing with them. O hear our Saviour's prayer: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Untaught, undisciplined, and ungrown as we are, open our understanding to Thy truth. Be our light in the darkness, our strength when we walk in weakness, our food when we are hungry; when we are friendless, bless us with an outpouring of divine love. We rejoice, our Heavenly Father, that Thou dost for us exceeding abundantly more than we ask or think. Work through our affections, cleanse and purify them with Thine own nature. We beseech Thee that divisive influences may be overthrown and that the things that make for peace and uprightness may be richly and freely multiplied. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1936

GRANT, O LORD, OUR GOD, that each Member of the Congress may have some token of Thy thought of him and feel the presence of Thy blessing. Bring near to us some sense of Thy care and of Thy ministry to our needs. O give us inspiration that shall guide and incite us to go forward and follow on to know the Lord. We thank Thee that Thou art the universal Father and with Thee there is neither Jew nor Gentile, bond or free, but all are

Thy children in the folds of the Father's heart. Convert us, dear Lord, to humility, to self-sacrifice, to unfailing kindness, and to the love that casts out fear as well as wrath. Grant that our strength and knowledge may be enlisted in behalf of weakness and ignorance. We pray for all churches and all those instruments throughout our land seeking to destroy barbarism and to turn back the streams of crime and vice which so sorely afflict our country. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1936

THE LORD IS GOOD, His mercy endureth forever and His truth unto all generations. Thou art our God forever, Thou wilt be our guide even until death. O Father of all mankind, whose invisible hand may be traced in shaping the destinies of men and nations, we praise Thee for this day dedicated to free and representative government. We rejoice in the past that lives in the throbbing, grateful heart of the present. We thank Thee for the peerless soldier, statesman, and private citizen whose name we honor. We pray that his spirit may urge us on to greater issues and vaster achievements. Time has passed, but it has not dimmed his character, nor lessened our reverence for his memory. May the shadow of his great soul fall on our pathway, guiding the patriot on his way, the statesman in quest of wisdom, and inspiring the schools and the firesides in all our broad land. Do Thou preserve the strength of our bodies, the rigor of our minds, and the love of our hearts; and unto Thee be eternal praises, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1936

LORD OF LIFE, below, above, let us keep silence before Thee. We Thank Thee that each new day is a fresh witness of Thy loving kindness. At its threshold inspire us to rise out of our incomplete selves into conscious kinship with Thee. Animated by Thy spirit, give us sympathetic words to cheer and willing minds to minister. Walk with us through the untried paths of duty and service, guarding our country's honor as our own. Heavenly Father, we pray for Thy guidance; do Thou keep us from temptation as we meet the tests of personal responsibility; bless us with the inward spiritual triumph. We beseech Thee, blessed Lord, that our honored and beloved Speaker, with the entire Congress, may solve real problems and escape from real perplexities. Strengthen all of us with inner steadiness and serene minds. Bless us with new revelations of victorious living. Through Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1936

HEAVENLY FATHER, we lay our prayer on Thy altar; Thy heart is with those who need divine love, sympathy, and restraint. "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him." We pray that our aspirations may go out for that freedom which comes from knowledge, from virtue, and from faith in God; may we become more heroic in the things that make for righteousness and truth. Direct us in our demeanor that these may abound in word and deed. Forbid, gracious Lord, that we should ever be false to duty and false to ourselves. O Holy Spirit, enable us to stand for those fundamental elements which tend to build us up in self-denial, honor, fidelity, humility, and love, and Thine, through Christ, shall be the glory forever. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1936

LORD GOD OF HOSTS, we are borne hither on the bosom of Thine innumerable mercies. Thou art not only a God of wisdom and might but our Heavenly Father whom we know in the sanctuary of our souls. Bow down Thine ear, O Jehovah, and answer our prayer, for we are poor and needy. Teach us Thy way and unite our hearts to fear Thy name. We praise Thee that in joy and in sorrow, through light and darkness, we are sustained according to Thy promise that all things work together for good to them that love Thee. Unite our people everywhere and let the heart be as strong as the head. Do Thou let genuine patriotism and cooperation prevail, augmented by a forceful devotion to the public service. Heavenly Father, we earnestly pray Thee that Thy glorious word may be held in our hearts: "The memory of the just is blessed," and unto the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be eternal praises. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1936

DRAW NEAR BY THY HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY FATHER, and make Thyself known unto us. To Thee belong all praise and glory, world without end. Chide us for our indifference and our failures. Breathe upon us, and may we realize that we are blest in a conscious strength from Thee. The problems of the day are many, blessed Lord. We pray that their cares, trials, and burdens may make us better and nobler men. As sons of God, children of immortality, may we live out our days as benefactors, inspiring peace, justice, and sweet harmony among our fellows. O lead us on in the moral forces of the world toward a blessed consummation. Hold Thy word forever in our breasts: "Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he mediate day and night." We pray in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1936

As we wait, dear Lord, we pray that we may offer Thee our solemn praise and supplication. We trust that with humility of heart and penitence of soul we may acknowledge our sins and seek the blessing of pardon through the Divine One. His hand is abundantly worthy to wield the scepter of all the world. O God of our fathers, hear us; the supreme need of the wide earth is peace. In its humbler estate, humanity is striving for a release from the greatest of tyrannies, which is cruel and intolerant warfare. It fails to reach the goal of its prayers and the fruition of its heart yearnings. Almighty God, do Thou interfere in the ambitions of men. May the rulers and leaders be brought low and made to surrender to the complete law and rule of the Teacher of Nazareth, the Lord of glory. Let deliverance come that the world may not dig the graves of hate and garnish the lands with human blood. Arouse all humanity to claim Thee, the only true God and everlasting Father. Through Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1936

Eternal God, Thou art our Father and Thy love goes far out beyond our dreams; all glory be unto Thy excellent name. Help us to walk with Thee and bind our feebleness to Thy strength. The touch of Thy hand upon us will shelter, save, and redeem us; let us taste and see that the Lord is good. O spare us from that one false note which may go on working and producing and which we cannot bring back. Blessed Lord, while our joys are at times touched with pain and shadows fall upon our brightest hours, with confidence may we lift our hearts to Thee and say, "God is good." Impress us that while Thou art God it is always right to do right. There can be no world, star, nor universe where it is not best to do right. Hearken, Heavenly Father; cleanse us from secret faults; keep back Thy servants from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over us; then we shall be upright and we shall be innocent from the great transgression. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1936

Thou art our very life, O Lord; do Thou consider and hear us. Let all things be hallowed by Thy blessing, enriching our wills and affections with abiding treasure. With deepest gratitude, we thank Thee, that Thou hast been pleased to reveal Thyself in the earthly life of the Man of Judea. Every sin that blasts is condemned by His cross and every inspiration that saves flows from it. We rejoice, blessed Father, that it testifies to Thy everlasting love and sympathy with burdened humanity. Let us cherish and hold on to it. It means hope and fellowship when the strain of the day is

severest. We pray for the renewal of patience and strength in this time of need. Keep in our breasts the spirit of thanksgiving, for there is always more reason for joy and gladness than for bitterness. Guide us in all our ways, for infinite love in Thy heart means light in Thine eye. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1936

INFINITE SPIRIT, above all the marvelous gifts of life we thank Thee for the faultless Teacher. How clear was His vision, how serene was His assurance, how positive was His utterance, and how beautiful was His life. We pray that every child of the cottage, every son of toil, every daughter of obscurity may be raised up in spirit and service to love and adore Him. With unwearied affection, unbroken patience, and undying hope may they find blessed encouragement in the humblest details of their lives. Heavenly Father, bring us all into the fullness of life, power, and self-forgetfulness. We would pour out our souls in deep solicitude because of unrest, turbulence and perilous conditions in our land. We beseech Thee, blessed Lord God, to bring together Dives and Lazarus wherever they are. As they lean forward in the shadows of their defiant selfishness, may they realize what they are losing in their rush to get ahead. O do Thou bring the same standards of value and processes of mind to bear upon all men. We are grateful, dear Lord, for salvation, not so much from death, but rather unto life eternal. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1936

O MASTER OF ETERNAL LIGHT AND LOVE, breathe upon our waiting souls and give courage and vision for this day. Teach us to lay hold on the duty of each hour that the bow of the morning may become the promise and prophecy of the evening. O God, this turbulent world, torn and battle-scarred through ages of greed and lust, is facing the barren desolation of war. O give it deliverance from the hands of pagan jealousy, distrust, and the chaff of disaster, which is the only bread that will be served its perishing soul. Almighty God, it needs not better machinery nor organization but better men and regeneration; O lift it up from its threatened barbarities and cruelties. Gracious Lord, be with our Speaker and the entire Congress. Endow them richly with good health, wisdom, and knowledge. Lead them on through the daylight for which our country and the world have been waiting. As a loving Heavenly Father, dwell in our homes as our guest and benefactor at our firesides. Give Thy abiding grace to the mind, soul, and body of our President. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1936

BLESSED ARE THE UNDEFILED IN THE WAY, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies and that seek Him with a whole heart. Merciful Father Thou hast commanded us to keep Thy precepts diligently. They are a call to life, free from vexatious cares and the fears that tyrannize the soul. O Thou blessed High Priest, look upon us in our need; have compassion and share with us our weakness, that we may not fail to reach the goal of a more perfect life; feed the fountains of our being that cleanse and purify the heart. May we not miss life's richest treasures in vain pursuits. Heavenly Father, bless all who may be perplexed, those who are borne down with cares, and those whose burdens seem more than they can bear. To the Triune God be eternal praises world without end. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1936

HEAVENLY FATHER, grant that by Thy Holy Spirit we may grow into the fullness of that which is highest and best. We pray that we may feel that it is a most helpful service to take reverent thought of Thee, praying that our deliberations may be guided aright. Thou, in whom there is no discord, possess us with humble and contrite hearts. In our deep consciousness keep us mindful of our responsibilities, examples, and influence. Do Thou fittingly equip us to discharge our duties in the exalted relation in which we have been placed. Blessed Lord, enable us always to jealously remember who we are and whom we represent. Bless our brother men and may we lessen their discontent and swell their songs of gladness. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits; even the God, who is our salvation. In the name of our Lord and Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Infinite One, we rejoice that Thou hast called Thyself Father, Friend, Saviour and Elder Brother. By these, Blessed Lord, we are taught of what Thou art; they disclose our relationship to Thee; glory be unto Thy Holy Name. We pray that we may be exultant in our faith, in our happiness, and in this personal alliance. Dwell in us, our Heavenly Father, quickening all the sources of our hope and courage. O Divine Spirit, we need Thee more than knowledge, temple, or creed, that we may become in all things more than conquerors—through Him who hath loved us! Let Thy holy precepts be felt in every realm of our activities, keeping our affections clean and clear. Hasten the glorious day, Father, when men shall labor for the bread that cometh down from heaven; when injustice shall prevail no more and truth and brotherhood shall bless our humanity throughout the world. In the blessed name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1936

O THOU, who hast brought us again fresh to the morning light and revealed Thyself as a loving Father, we praise Thee that we are not cast down because of our imperfections. We pray that we may rise into the blessedness of hope and cheer, looking for the things that are excellent in one another. Enable us to be, our Father, always considerate and kind, reflecting Thy loving nature, and thereby dignifying our associations. May we so take heart in this quiet moment that we shall be faithful and thoughtful all the day through. Add to our souls a finer spiritual beauty; if our thoughts be dark, clarify them with the spirit of disinterested love. Above all, may we not forget that living is giving; may our desire for rest or gain keep us from no helpful act. Thus let the day close, blessed Lord, on hours well spent. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1936

O GOD, our light and our salvation, whose days are without beginning and without end, grant that by Thy holy inspiration we, the servants of our Republic who are joined together in this undertaking, may know what we ought to do, and that by Thy grace we may be enabled to perform the same. Grant us, we humbly beseech Thee, such prosperity as Thou seest to be good for us, and make us to abound in such works as may be pleasing unto Thee. With clear vision and earnestness of purpose may we stand looking into the day expectantly, ready for its duties and responsibilities. Believing in Thee and in our homeland, O Lord God, let us have a heart for any service. Unto Thy name be eternal praises, through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who counteth the numbers of the stars and calleth them all by their names, who covereth the heavens with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, and who drieth up the mighty rivers, bow down to our altar of prayer and let it be precious in Thy sight. O spread the heavens with the serenity of Thy glory. Walk on the troubled waters and let the winds of Thy mercy be wafted over lands and floods. Father of undying love, take to Thine own arms the helpless and the homeless as they wrestle for the daybreak; may they see the King, not in His strength but in His majesty of His goodness; let the hungry be fed, the naked clothed, and the roofless sheltered. We pray that the strong and the fortunate may not be idle nor frivolous under the awful dome of tragedy and death. Beset them with the thoughts of solemnity and girt them with personal responsibility. The Lord God grant that the trappings of wealth, the homes of luxury, and the gardens of pleasure, in these hours of darkness, may be released and clothed with sacrificial service. O give Thine own power to the men as they labor to save life and property from the tossing, turbulent channels of disaster. God bless them. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1936

HEAVENLY FATHER, who hath commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in our hearts that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us. Believing in Thy Holy Word and knowing of the pure earthly life of the Master, may we have thoughts that widen and purify the soul. Teach us how to make humility noble, how to make self-respect humble, and how to do justice to all men. Blessed Lord God, there come to our troubled spirits feelings that appall; they throw a strange, dark shadow on our peace and at times stagger our understanding. They remind us of human frailty and the utter weakness of all things material. We most earnestly pray that these days may cause a serious pause throughout our country. Keep it face to face with the virtues and claims of the higher life, realizing the essence of that which is divinely great and abiding. Almighty God, make the waste lands to rejoice; fill desolate dwelling places with comfort and courage; bless richly the children and fill their hearts with gladness and stimulate man everywhere to be a lover of purity and a builder of happy homes. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1936

O LORD OUR GOD, we thank Thee for the sunlight which has arisen and poured its abundance over the wide earth. Inspire us, we beseech Thee, by the passionate love of the truth; help us to make every sacrifice to follow it in all its ways. In the familiar circle of life and duty may we be found using the gifts of wise judgment and honest discrimination. Do Thou protect our country from every form of violence, rebellion, and corruption. We pray that all those in authority and all magistrates may be upright in the administration of justice. Heavenly Father, preserve the strength and health of our President; graciously regard our Speaker and the Congress and grant that our eternal refreshment and joy may be at the river of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1936

O LOVING FATHER, we would exalt the Lord our God, for it is He who hath made us; stretch forth Thy hand from above and lead us in Thy way everlasting. Make manifest to us what is entire truth, honor, and fidelity. Forgive us our sins and let us not brood over our faults, but do Thou come and establish Thy kingdom within us. Enter the palace of our hearts; clothe us with the armor of light, and then we shall easily triumph over the irritable spirit, the glow of self-love and intemperate speech. Eternal Spirit, we earnestly seek understanding, affection, and strength which only Thy presence can excite and sustain. Each day help us to catch the vision of a better country coming through righteousness, cooperation, justice, and manly endeavor. In the name of our Lord and Master. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1936

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we call upon the name of the Lord, which is worthy to be praised. He is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our strength, and our God, in whom we trust. O pitying, waiting Infinite One, how wonderful are Thy patience and long suffering. In these hours when we are gathered together, united by common hopes, purposes, and common necessities, we pray for the blessing that comes from the soul of the Creator of heaven and earth. Keep us from the fruits of the lawless mind, misplaced affection, and unchastened desire. Inspire in us that which is true, pure, and courageous. May they direct us in our demeanor. Merciful Father, vouchsafe Thy presence to those who carry grief and are acquainted with sorrow. Let the lines of Thy light be traced shining through the shadows. As they grow richer and riper in their spiritual natures, may they tend more and more toward that beautiful experience—the peace that passeth all understanding. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1936

O LORD, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, turn Thou to us. As servants of the Republic, we have our mission—a service that each may render, an influence that the humblest may exert. Heavenly Father, may we not be satisfied with just small achievements. With gratitude to Thee for Thy matchless providence, lead us in those paths that shall bring the best compensation to our country which has called us. O lift this glorious world out of the valley of dismay. Fill it with countless human creatures worthy and altogether capable of enjoying it. Pity the weak, the indolent, and the disobedient; have mercy upon them. We pray that our own land may be led higher and higher, where afflictions cease and national ills disturb no more. Through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1936

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, hide not Thy face from us and be not silent. Thou art our God, in whom we trust and from whom we seek security, rest, and refreshment. Thou art unspeakably satisfying, a benediction, and a triumph. Before we go forth to the duties that await us we most earnestly desire to thank Thee for Him who has shown us a life of lowly duty, unselfish labor, and consecrated sorrow; bid us to rise up and walk in His way. Grant that Thy name on earth may be everywhere honored, Thy kingdom everywhere come, and the whole world filled with Thy glory. Do Thou guide and refresh our thoughts as we labor for the elevation of our people, and when the evening shadows fall may we have great peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1936

GRACIOUS FATHER, have us go in the path of Thy commandments and incline our hearts unto Thy testimonies. Let Thy mercies come to us, O Lord, even Thy salvation, according to Thy word. Do Thou arrest our attention and shape the character of our thoughts and desires. In Thee may we learn is the destiny of humanity; enrich it with the ministries of Thy knowledge; enfold the least and the feeblest, the noblest and divinest. We pray Thee to enable us to guard most jealously our impulses and our conceptions of our high calling, that the lament of failure may not be a minor note in our service. O keep our people from the coils of disobedience and from being guilty lovers of lawlessness. Enthuse us all with the spirit of a deep sense of moral government and with the courage of a mighty crusade against the threatening vanities and selfish luxuries of modern life. O Prophet of God, may we be gratefully mindful of Thee as we approach earth's greatest hour. We kneel at the altar of our souls in recognition of Thy providence. An honored Member, a splendid citizen, and a good man has left us. Comfort the sorrowing loved ones and keep them in perfect peace. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1936

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, for the Teacher of Nazareth. Amid the drama of human life He was infinite love in the presence of throbbing human need. How wondrous is the scarlet thread that runs through His whole earthly ministry: "I am among you as one that serveth." We pray that our obligations may be sacred trusts, planning and spending our strength in the blessing of our fellow men. Lead us, blessed Lord, to seek them not alone for their temporal welfare but for their spiritual and eternal well-being. In their mingled lights and shadows, joys and sorrows, dreams and illusions, may we not fail them. What thoughts come to us, merciful Father, as we stand with the Master at Bethesda's pool pitying the afflicted. We beseech Thee to accept our gratitude for Him who was worn and lonely for our sakes and who turned aside to make glad the weary. Keep us, O God, in Thy righteousness and make Thy way straight before us. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1936

O THOU WHO TAKEST AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD, hear our prayer. To everyone with burdens, to everyone who has faltered and failed, give to them Thy gracious blessing. Bring us all back to duties with strong aptitude and clear vision. Coworking with Thee, we have reasons for new faith and hope. We pray that there may be a brotherly, happy contagion running through our associations. Father in Heaven, grant that we may be kept from isolation, misunderstanding, and from ignoring the sanctities of friendship. We thank Thee for the love Thou dost inspire, for the good

Thou dost engender, and for the joy Thou dost enkindle. Let the divinity which dwells within us shape our ends, molding them to grander forms and hewing them into thoughts that wander through eternity. O allow not self-interest to stiffen and harden into that permanence from which tears never flow. Strengthen us with minds true to a single purpose, and Thine shall be the glory forever. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1936

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who alone gavest us the breath of life and alone canst keep alive in us the holy desires Thou dost impart, we beseech Thee, for Thy compassion's sake, to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavors that we may neither begin an action without pure intention nor continue it without Thy blessing. And grant that having the eyes of the mind open to behold things invisible and unseen we may in heart be inspired by Thy wisdom and in work be upheld by Thy strength, and in the end be accepted of Thee as Thy faithful servants. Let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1936

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whom are centered our aspirations, our hopes, and our longings, be very near us, impressing us with the seriousness and the duty of life. Take away from the individual heart all guile, that we may have the ideal government, the ideal home, and the ideal church. The Lord God bless and preserve the defenders of our Republic who are in their ranks today, moving before the eyes of men. Grant that the freedom which has been gained and the institutions founded may be carried on to greater achievements; may our citizens honor and reverence them. Establish the work of our hands, the work of our hands, establish Thou it. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1936

O Divine Heart, be not silent; let Thy cry be heard in the wilderness. We walk with tears in the path of our Nation's sorrow. We appeal for something, our Father, that shall help us through the dark. Our land travails and groans with pain because of the overmeasured affliction which has come to our Southland. O God of mercy, trembling, bleeding, dying, help them to breast the gloom. Staggered, perplexed, and burdened, O give them comfort. To all who are overwrought, driven to unspeakable conditions, and are in the way of pensive grief, Heavenly Father, stoop to their need and share their load. Wherever there falls a shadow on the human heart may rest be found through Him who hath loved us. May our whole country respond to the call of all humane agencies whose hearts and arms are open and common to all men. In the Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1936

THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH; let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of isles be glad; judgment is the habitation of His throne. Almighty One, before whose face the generations rise and pass, prepare us in Thine own way for the duties before us. There is something in life so sacred that Thou wilt never fail us. Give us understanding of the things out of which are the issues of life. Assure us, Heavenly Father, that amid the maddening maze of things Thy goodness and mercy are sure and steadfast. Help us to heed the passion of Thy heart, which is a summons to bring our lives in unison with Thy holy will. In humility of soul we are grateful for Him who is now reaching the end of His sinless life and traveling toward the cross of His crucifixion for the redemption of the wide world. In His name. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1936

THE LORD OUR GOD is clothed with majesty and power! Heavenly Father, take from us that which hinders the full disclosure of the sweetness, the sacrifice, and symmetry of the Lord of glory. Have mercy on our unworthiness and let us look through the darkness and behold the Light of the coming morning. We would follow in His path with muffled tread and with sad and solemn thought. Teach us what it is that defeats our higher attainment; help us to break through the barriers, where we shall see Thee no more through a glass darkly. Bestow blessings of rest and comfort upon our President, the Speaker, and the entire Congress. Grant that the lowly life of the humble Galilean may inspire us and lift us out of our own. As we approach the tomb in the garden, we pray that more and more abundantly Thy Holy Spirit may guide us in the ways of all truth. In the name of our glorified Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1936

LORD GOD OF THE ROLLING YEARS, while we walk the changeful ways of time, grant us grace to feel and lament our sins. By prayer and meditation, prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and better lives. We pray for urgent wills and constructive spirits in all that we shall do, that the Republic may have a most honorable part in the world's life and character. Again we lift our souls in praise to Him who took up the morning stars and made them chime and swung them in the chanting choirs of the universe. Heavenly Father, keep alive in our breasts the One who faced failure, saved humanity, unsealed earth's tombs, and brought to man new courage and fresh inspiration. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1936

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou hast set Thy love upon us; we are blessed with Thy jealous care and with Thy unsleeping and faithful watchfulness; praises be unto Thy holy name. We thank Thee for the good gift of life, rich, full, and crowded with interest. These days when so many are seeking something that shall make it fuller and better, grant, blessed Lord, to give them newer and richer blessings of wisdom and understanding. We pray that we may bring to Thee grateful hearts and happy spirits. Enable us to stand where we have fallen and win where we have faltered. Almighty God, increase our devotion to our traditional institutions; imbue us plenteously with heavenly gifts, and may we hallow Thy name in all that we shall do. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1936

HEAVENLY FATHER, we would cherish in this moment of devotion the greatest of gifts, which is a thankful heart. Give us the spirit of truth which subordinates the lower elements of life. Breathe upon us the inward tranquillity and silence of the uttermost thought and feeling. Let us not linger on the steppingstones of self, but may we patiently mount to higher levels. Blessed Lord, arm us with the sense of victory that overcometh the world, with that grace that resists every evil influence and that serenely sustains in every ordeal and turns to advantage every vicissitude. As patriots and devout lovers of our country, may we delight to clothe ourselves with the garment of Christian brotherhood. Open our eyes to the large purpose and the high efficiency demanded by the public service. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1936

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we pray that the word of the prophet may be our guide and inspiration: "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee but to deal justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God." In life and in thought let these words be held in all reverence. We pray that Thy will may be our law, our strength, and our influence. Let it be a challenge to our obligation to live a good, wholesome, honest life. Almighty God, just let this teaching run through our daily conduct, giving it power, purpose, and giving to others the inspiration of a fine example. O burst our bonds and set us free; touch our souls and heal them; speak, and the clashing between our lives and Thine will be no more. As thanksgiving and praise is the language of heaven, we join with the Psalmist: "O, praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him all ye peoples." In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1936

OUR GRACIOUS FATHER IN HEAVEN, be pleased to hear us as we wait at the altar of prayer. Grant grace, mercy, and peace to each of us and withdraw not the shield of Thy holy presence. We pray Thee, blessed Lord, to give us rich conceptions of the constancy of Thy goodness, which is woven of the silver and golden threads of divine affection. We entreat Thee to enlighten us in all our labors and inspire us to wise action, and may we seek to embody the truth in our thoughts and deliberations. We would hear the vow of the teacher of Israel: "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes. I will hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me; a froward heart shall depart from me and I will not know wickedness." In the name of our Lord and Master. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1936

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, be with us this day in thought, purpose, and action. Illuminate our minds and cleanse our hearts that Thy will may be magnified in all our labors. Give us plenteously of Thy wisdom and grace that we may reach the highest and the best results and thus add somewhat to the happiness and progress of our country. Widen the sweep of peace, contentment, and cooperation among all our citizens. May our duties be so borne that when the evening time approaches we may recall them with an approving conscience and feel in the recesses of our hearts that the smile of Heaven is upon us. In the name of our Lord and Master. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1936

MEMORIAL SERVICE

HEAR US, INFINITE SPIRIT, while we breathe the chant of the ages: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty; heaven and earth are filled with Thy goodness; glory be unto Thy holy name. Hear us and lead us to repose our confidence in Thee. We thank Thee for the blessed gift of life; inspire us to live wisely, labor industriously, and at the last hand it back to Thee without a blemish. Guide us by Thy law, rule us by Thy love, and lead us in the pathway of a just and honorable service for our country.

We praise Thee for the words that fell from the lips of our Master: *Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you.* Heavenly Father, the sands of life run swiftly; we know not when the silver cord shall be loosed, the golden bowl be broken, but so long as faith and hope and love shall live, so long is the immortality of the soul assured. Be this the comfort, the hope of the sorrowing ones of our deceased Members in whose memory we have assembled. May we go forward with patience and fortitude and at the last may we be able to look back without regret in the closing hours of this earthly life and pass serenely to our eternal home. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1936

MERCIFUL AND ETERNAL GOD, we thank Thee for the supreme expression of divine love. It transmutes the dross of selfishness; it makes a halo in the darkness and turns its shadow into morning. We would humble ourselves under Thy hand, our Heavenly Father, that we may be exalted and be used for wise and patriotic service. Inspire us with that knowledge that expresses itself in the most helpful legislation. Be with every section of our country in these unnerving times with their blendings of sufferings and joys. We beseech Thee to fill our minds with the realities of the unseen, and may we be even contemptuous of the things that frighten the weak and wreck their souls. Move us to unresting labors and ceaseless endeavor to improve the conditions of our fellow men. In the name of the Master. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1936

GRACIOUS GOD, author of our existence, the hope and inspiration of every perfect thing, look upon us, we beseech Thee. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him; for he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. We wait, Father in Heaven, and appeal from Thy justice to Thy love. Confessing the sins we once cherished, we lift our hearts to Thee; Thou hast loved us, and will love us to the end. We pray Thee, let us know how good it is to distill goodness, sympathy, and the gladness of God from a self-centered life. Give us the courageous eye of faith which alone sees right; it overcomes evil tendencies and is truly all in all. Grant that wise cooperation of the Congress may secure the survival of the best. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1936

OUR FATHER OF EVERLASTING LOVE, we thank Thee for the merciful privilege of coming to Thee in prayer. May it be in the spirit of Him who taught us to say, "Our Father." We beseech Thee that His presence may come mightily upon us to strengthen, encourage, and guide us that we may attain the service we have pledged our country. Do Thou guard us in our contact with our fellow men, lest we be unmindful of the admonition, "Judge not that ye be not judged, for with what judgment ye judge, it shall be measured to you again." Heavenly Father, help us to heed the injunction, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Once more in the dispensation of Thy providence our hearts are bowed; another Member has left us. The angel of death has borne him to a higher service. Comfort, we beseech Thee, all members of his fireside; may they go forward with strong faith and quickened hopes to the larger life that awaits the children of God. Amen.

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MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1936

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, give ear to our supplication and answer us in Thy righteousness and faithfulness; incline our hearts to seek Thee and to revere Thy word. Look through our limitations with the light of Thy sovereign wisdom and command our understanding. O Maker and Ruler of all, before whose infinite greatness we worship, we thank Thee most humbly for splendid visions, for wondrous prospects, and for mighty hopes. We entreat Thee to make Thyself more real in our lives, full of meaning and power. Inspire us to be brave with exemplary conduct that constitutes a telling influence amid the shadows of our day. Bless our President, our Speaker, and every Member of the Congress; as lovers of the truth, we pray that our patriotism and aspirations may glow with incense kindled at the feet of the Master. In His name. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1936

ETERNAL GOD whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, send out Thy light and truth; let them lead us. Bless us with the grace that softens the heart and brings us into accord with the majestic law of Christian brotherhood. Grant, our Father in Heaven, that foolish ambitions and petulant disappointments may take unto themselves wings and fly away. We pray that inspiring and subtle influences may steal into our souls; that suspicion and contempt may droop and die. Gracious Lord, warn and strengthen us against all destructive errors and hold over our impulses a restraining power. Help us, we pray Thee, to make our country richer, brighter, and happier for having passed this way. Withhold not Thy tender mercies from us, O Lord; let Thy loving kindness and Thy truth continually preserve us. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee. Through Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1936

O THOU WHO ART THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS, we praise Thee that the rich and poor, the high and lowly, the good and bad may call Thee "Father." Thou, whose essence is love, to whom discord and sin are abhorrent, teach us the art of brotherly love. May we reflect it in the home, in society, and in the affairs of state. We thank Thee for the pure, noble, and self-sacrificing life of Jesus of Nazareth. We pray Thee that we may be brought in contact with the life-giving currents of His marvelous life. That our lives may be obedient and Godlike, we entreat Thee to make us susceptible to His holy will, and Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1936

THOU LORD, WHO KNOWEST THE HEARTS OF ALL MEN, come now in the fullness of Thy power and prepare us for whatever awaits us. We pray Thee to enrich our minds with wisdom and knowledge from on high; with all

diligence may we persevere and discharge the obligations resting upon us. We thank Thee for the gospel of love and sacrifice which was poured out in all fullness on Calvary's Cross. Create within us clean hearts and a right spirit; and may we strive earnestly to do Thy will as revealed in the life and character of the world's greatest Exemplar, our Lord and Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1936

Almighty God, we wait again in prayer to hear Thy changeless voice and to see the unvarying face of our Father in Heaven; we lift the cross against a radiant sky. Thou art the author and impulse of every good work, and we would league ourselves with Thee. Be Thou the inspiration of our thoughts: Wield Thy scepter and they will lose their weakness; enfold them and they will banish fear; conquer them and they will be courageous. We pray that we may draw from a vision of Thee an intolerance of wrong and a love for righteousness. Impress us, blessed Lord, with the abiding truth: He who serves Thee with a good and upright heart will find in Thee his peace when the day is far spent. In the Master's name. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1936

Our Father and our God, Thou who dost bathe in noontide splendor and gladden with infinite glory the wide world, bestow upon us the treasures of knowledge and wisdom. We pray that we may be untroubled and unclouded by irregular desire and know things that are true in the daylight. Do Thou open our eyes to visions of Thy truth, goodness, and promise; inspire us all to a deeper life of service and faith, until all disquietudes lose their power. We most fervently pray Thee that the laws of the land may be faithfully executed and that the affairs of state may be wisely administered; let the ties of peace and contentment be strengthened throughout our borders. And Thine shall be the praise, through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 1936

Eternal and Immortal One, may we draw nigh to Thee and breathe Thy holy name in prayer? Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, which hath not turned away our prayer nor his mercy toward us. We pray Thee to make our tempers patient, our lips gentle, and may we bear the fruits of goodness. Arm us, Heavenly Father, with the strong, manly virtues, that we may be chivalrous champions of the right against wrong. We pray for any who may dumbly suffer for others' sake and for any who keenly feel the faults of those they love. Consecrate each family tie; light heaven on all hearthstones and fill them with divine blessings. Keep this everlasting truth in all our minds: "The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Let Thy will be done in every heart as it was in the heart of the Master. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1936

IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD and praise Thy name, O Lord Most High. How great are Thy works, and Thy thoughts are very deep. Sing, O ye heavens, for the Lord hath done it; shout ye lower parts of the earth, break forth into singing, O ye mountains. Verify Thy word unto us, gracious God: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." We beseech Thee to free our understanding from fatal errors and deliver us from false illusions. As our deliberations carry with them abiding issues, he who is not rich toward Thee is poor, indeed. Quicken our appreciation of our high calling and press us forward, filled with hope, admiration, and love for our dear native land, and unto Thee be eternal praises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1936

ALMIGHTY ONE, Thou who art all in all, as we meet in prayer may we cherish these sacred moments. Here help us to realize the highest tones and capacities of our spiritual natures. Heavenly Father, let us pass into that communion that blossoms more and more unto the perfect spring. Speak the final word, blessed Lord, that both men and nations may learn that it is right and not might by which they are to live and endure. We praise Thee that Thy love is commensurate with Thy power, Thy promises are as immutable as Thy holiness, and that humanity's hopes are to be realized in the dateless Christ. Deliver us all from that selfishness which will not stop or be warned, that disregards human happiness, and from a trustless independence of our fellow men. In the name of the Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1936

OUR LORD AND OUR FATHER, O satisfy us with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants and Thy glory unto their children. We unite in a national tribute to mother. Hear us in these moments of praise and grateful retrospection. We rejoice that hers was the first face that brightened at our joys and wept at our tears. It was the first face on which divine love wrote its immortal message, it gave all and asked nothing. We thank Thee for the paths of childhood, where she first placed our wandering feet. We pray that her heavenly, sacrificial spirit may hover over our land. Then strife will cease, brotherly love will take the place of hatred, and men will follow the Golden Rule. We bless Thee, Almighty God, for her wonderful memory. May it abide with us as the inspiration of virtue, sacrifice, and religion, and unto Thee be praises forever. Through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 11, 1936

WE BLESS THEE, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, FOR LIFE. It is a precious boon, with its joys, possibilities, hopes, and promises revealed in the life and character of the lowly Galilean. Help us to follow His wake; what enchantment, visions, and inspiring realities were His. We pray that His glorious truths and influences may make the desolate spheres of human experience blossom as the rose. We are grateful for the hearts of earth, gifted with great compassion for the multitudes; may we serve them with whole hearts in their unsolved problems, broken hopes, and unfinished tasks. We beseech Thee to let integrity and uprightness preserve us, O Lord; keep our souls and deliver them and let us not be ashamed. Show us the path of life. In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1936

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, we hail this bounteous, radiant day; wood and grove, hill and dale tell of Thy glory. We thank Thee for the sunlit sky and the blossoming earth, for the spring time flowers that border our paths with loveliness, and for happy bird song, lifting our hearts to responsive joy and praise. Heavenly Father, Thy voice is as the voice of many waters; let us hear its melodies in the deeps of our souls. May it touch every hidden desire and purpose, making us more grateful, more heroic, going forth conquering and to conquer. We pray that we may enter heartily into our manifold duties, ever cherishing a serious view of life. Always keep us from the murky depths of low thinking, feeling, and action, rejoicing in an inner light and assurance that fill the heart with peace and certainty. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1936

MOST GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER, while another night has been enfolding us, Thou has kept us in Thy everlasting arms. For this beautiful day, we thank Thee; may we look up through nature to nature's God and be blest with the sunlight of a strong, happy faith. Conscious of our needs, blessed Lord, we beseech Thee to assure us of the constancy of Thy wise guidance. Evermore may we realize that in Thee we live and move and have our being. Identify us with truth so that right action may result from a will purified from selfishness. Grant that our lives may not die away amid toil and daily care, but so bless and sustain us that we may present both souls and bodies for Thy service and Thine shall be eternal praises. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1936

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, in this stillness while we bow, forgive us our sins. O bless the Lord all ye people and make the voice of His praise to be heard. He ruleth by His power; His eyes behold the nations; let not the unrighteous exalt themselves. Let us learn to trust Thee, our Heavenly Father, and to fill our places and enjoy goodly things in the spirit of unquestioning faith and gratitude. O lead us in upon the certitude of the soul and help us to a more restful and calming prospect. Inspire us, blessed Lord, with the redeeming love that saves, with the strengthening grace that sustains, and with the providential guidance that keeps us in the way. The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting and His righteousness unto children's children. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1936

O give thanks unto the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him all ye peoples; for His merciful kindness is great toward us and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

GRACIOUS LORD GOD, we believe that the most certain and permanent fact in all the universe is that Thou art our Father. Bless us today with a large sense of Thy presence, forgiveness, and care. We pray Thee that we may be granted that loftiness of nature, that stability of character, and repose of mind and heart that the spirit of the Eternal One may have expression in us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1936

WE THANK THEE, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, that we are permitted to bow at the altar of prayer. For at Thy mercy seat burdens are rolled away; at Thy touch we have gone on our way rejoicing. In all our problems we need Him who taught us the spirit of good will and how to make beautiful the thresholds of home, school, and church. We thank Thee for the providential blessings of happy firesides, for social delights, for friendships, and for all those satisfactions and joys of a just and worthy life. We praise Thee for this radiant day. O happy is he who looks up through the fluttering leaves and sees God's love, who sees the bright depths of the deep blue sky and feels that it is a canopy of blessing; may we look deeper and feel that an infinite God is at the heart of all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1936

MERCIFUL LORD AND OUR GOD, we are glad of life because it gives us the joyous privilege of loving, of working, of playing, and of looking up at the heavens, which declare the glory of our All-Father. We pray Thee to let us feel that there is in the heart of the Almighty One a place for every human experience and for every wandering, wavering, and unstable child of earth. Do Thou pour Thy redemptive energy into the hearts of men; quicken their intelligence, deepen their understanding, and stimulate their

habits. As we go forth to duty, let our hearts know no fear but that of wrongdoing and our minds no anxiety but our earnest desire to toil faithfully for the good of our country. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 1936

MERCIFUL FATHER, invisible and yet the Eternal One, Thou art everywhere save in the hearts of Thy wicked children. Thou art in the majesty of the heavens and in the widespreading earth, in the beauty of the flower, in the radiance of the sun, and in the mellow light of the stars; may these challenge us to the highlands of thinking and living. Teach us to be conscious of Thy nearness, and so may we never be afraid. We pray that we may greet this new day with newness of joy. Help us to fill these hours with wise thoughts and generous deeds, and thus make human life a little stronger, sweeter, and richer. Inspire us to be brave and earnest to seize the opportunities of these passing days. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 25, 1936

CONSIDER AND HEAR US, O LORD OUR GOD: Lead us to walk uprightly and work righteousness and speak the truth in our hearts. We lift our prayer to the throne of Eternal Light, where there is life, joy unspeakable, and which is full of glory. Grant us Thy holy spirit that we may grow in mind, in soul, and in appreciation of all things worth while. Be with us in our struggles and in our triumphs; may we never neglect to praise Thee for that power which brings us into the joy and liberty of life. Heavenly Father, bless our own true America, which is composed of a God-fearing and family-loving people, ever holding to the ideals which have been the guide and the guardian of our destiny. Blessed Master and Friend, be with our President, our Speaker, and the entire Congress. Grant us the largest portion of Thy spirit with which to do the work entrusted to us. When Thy wings spread against the gray nightfall give us rest and peace.

We wait a moment. Again we have been made deeply conscious of the brevity of time and the frailty of human life. Again the roll has been called and there is no response. Again the silver cord has broken and a noble and upright public servant has left us. O give his family and all his loved ones the Christian's peace and consolation. Through Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 1936

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF; the world and they that dwell therein, for He hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord and who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. Let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. In the name of our Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1936

OPEN OUR EYES, O LORD, that we may see wondrous things out of Thy law. Give us not the spirit of fearfulness, but of power and love and discipline. Look upon us in our limitations and transgressions with divine compassion and mercy. We rejoice that there is a God who has adapted Himself to the wants of men; that there is a ruling spirit in the center of power and wisdom that knows how to love the unlovable and will endure more and more gloriously through the ages of time. Almighty God, as sin is a rebuke to any people, we beseech Thee to shed abroad Thy peace in all this troubled world and make it radiant with righteousness, truth, and wisdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1936

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US AND BLESS US, and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee; then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. We pray in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 1936

O THOU WHO ART THE LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, the inspiration of good deeds and honest endeavors, guide us that we may not fail to be the true sons of the living God. Use us that we may be fit examples and upright leaders in every situation and under all circumstances. We pray that those inspirational influences which breathe forth from Thy holy bosom may not only touch us but be hastened until the army of the Lord shall have raised the brotherhood of common love. O throne of mystery, where have been clouds and darkness, let the glory of Thy presence break through; cause to be sent forth voices of righteousness and good will and of triumph in all our land. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1936

HEAVENLY FATHER, we rejoice that through the knowledge and fellowship of the true God we reach the fullness of divine conception; we wait for Thy presence, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. In the lowly Nazarene we behold the softened splendor of essential and eternal holiness. We pray Thee to cleanse us from fear and unworthiness; let our divinity work in

us, inspiring unconquerable hope and faith. Do Thou keep in Thy care our country. Grant that peace may come where there is discord and confidence where there are suspicion and jealousy. O bind our people together with bonds of brotherhood; let the night be no more, and may the sun of good cheer stand in our Nation's sky for a thousand years. We wait in solemn silence, O Lord; let us not be alone in this moment. A distinguished colleague and a courageous defender of our Republic has fallen. We beseech Thee to light the torch for earth's tunnel; O give calm for the cross. Through Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, THE FATHER OF US ALL, give ear to our supplication. Loneliness and silence are broken as our hearts move on through the stillness at the bidding of the voice divine. "O grave, where is thy sting?" Through its gloom and anguish our faith arises. Blessed Lord, we thank Thee for this great soul who has fallen amid his earthly labor and glory. How deep are Thy mysteries and how inscrutable are Thy ways, yet Thy voice is heard. It is heard in solemn warning; it is heard in sweet encouragement to virtue; it is heard in the monitions of conscience and in the aspirations of our better natures. Our beloved Speaker has left us; how blessed his memory. His heights of thought were the hilltops of the common heart; his broad philanthropy reached over all classes with revealing benediction. His loftiness of patriotism fell upon the ears of the reluctant and summoned them to a higher plane. His great nature touched poverty, toil, and wealth. We praise Thee for this statesman whose conscience was ever the pilot of his reason. O divine One of love and mercy, give peace and comfort to his family circle. Bless her who has been at his side with heavenly devotion. Help us all to rise above the gloom of this great shadow into the upper air of spiritual outlook, where there are palaces made without hands and crowns of glory that never fade away. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1936

ETERNAL GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we are deeply grateful for the blessed assurance of Thy promise: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee." When Thou dost guide us no ill can come. Keep ever in our hearts, merciful Lord, the teaching of Thy Holy Word: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night." Bless us all with the refuge of pure thoughts and good works. Through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1936

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we praise Thee for all this common life can give and for all the blessings it bestows. Open our eyes to know Thy marvelous works and to understand the things out of Thy law. Grant that we may seek knowledge to make us wise and thoughtful as becomes the sons of God and servants of the Republic. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to give ear unto our words and consider our meditation. Let Thy goodness and mercy be with our President, our Speaker, and the Congress. Compass us about as with a shield. Brighten the windows of our spirits and open the doors of our hearts. Blessed Lord, may we pass this day in gladness, peace, and in brotherly cooperation. When the evening shadows deepen gather us to the folds of Thy embrace. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 1936

AGAIN, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we wait in Thy presence to pray. The touch of Thy mercy is as gentle as the morning light. For every encouraging hope and prospect we give Thee praise and thanksgiving. In all that we are and do may we prove ourselves worthy of Thy bountiful gifts. May Thy manifold blessings be used unselfishly. Be with us, blessed Lord, that we may think clearly, feel deeply, and labor wisely. Moved by an intense spirit of devotion, keep us close to the feelings and needs of our fellow citizens. Let the light of Thy truth kindle our desires and direct our ways. We entreat Thee to teach us the best way to see, the best way to reason, and the best way to act in serving society and the state, and Thine shall be the praise forever. Through Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1936

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, whose goodness and mercy never faileth. We beseech Thee to be everywhere as an abiding power and influence, shaping the destinies of men and nations. We wait upon Thee, O Lord, that our minds and hearts may be in harmony with Thy holy will. Give us a large outlook upon life; may the needs of a better world inspire us to noble and unselfish service. With patience and fortitude may we fulfill the obligations which the citizens of our land have placed upon us. Out of Thy abundance, do Thou bestow blessings of happiness and good health upon all. Be Thou the lamp unto our pathways when our skies are overcast and the way is confused. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1936

O THOU WHO ART OUR EVERLASTING FATHER, we bow in prayer at the altars of our souls. Far out beyond our fondest dreams Thy love extends and Thy bounty reaches. The voices of Thy mercies make up the sweetest harmonies of the world. Thou art the rock of our salvation, and we most humbly ask Thee to bring sight out of blindness and purity out of every stain. Today may we magnify Thy name with truth, honor, and wisdom. O Lord God, we bear upon the lips of our parting prayer a petition for our President, our Speaker, the officers, the employees, and the pages of the Congress. Almighty God, give them health, strength, and peace through all the months which are to follow; stand, Heavenly Father, with love and mercy in all their earthly experiences. Bend over our whole family of loved ones, dispel all earth-born clouds, and be gracious to every State under the folds of our flag. Keep us all within Thy shadow, for there is no life without its pain, there is no hope without its cloud, and there is no prayer without its doubt; so be with us until we reach the last mile, and then let us fall in Thine arms. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

First Session

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, our Father in Heaven and on earth, Thou who hast measured the waters in the hollow of His hand and comprehended the dust of earth, be mercifully near us and make us conscious of Thy presence. Thou who hast endowed us with marvelous faculties of mind and soul, let in a flood of light upon the deeper meaning of our high calling. Crown us with courage, zeal, and fidelity that we may be of the company of those immortals who live in lives made better. Forgive, O Lord, our selfish joys and our selfish sorrows and inspire us to consecrate our best selves to all that is worthy. We most fervently pray that our President may be attended by Thy grace, mercy, and truth. Let Thy spirit come mightily and with rich blessings upon our Speaker and every Member of Congress that they may be guided by the highest conceptions of right and duty. Be pleased to regard in divine favor all officials and employees. Lord God of Hosts, speak Thou to the nations in Thy wrath and vex them with Thy sore displeasure. Stay Thou the blows and the flames that fill the cup of the world's sufferings. O come richly and abundantly to our own beloved homeland with a new voice and with a much-needed accent, and let there be a tremendous surging of peace and brotherhood in the very soul of the Republic. Make it rich in happy homes, wise statesmanship, and a boundless faith in an infinite God and in His Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy holy spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, supremely just and pure, create within us a ruling passion to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. In a world that is trouble rent, in a day that is sorely confused, give the Congress the larger vision, the broader fields of endeavor involved in the brotherhood of mankind. We pray that devotion to home, State, and Nation may burn clean and deep in all breasts. Take, our Father, into Thy care and keeping our President, our Speaker, and these representatives of a

great people. Direct them in all the intricate problems that may arise, that the genius of our Republic may more and more obtain. We thank Thee for the Teacher of Nazareth, the light of the world, the light that never goes out, but burns glowingly on and on until earth's darkness fades away into the radiance of eternal dawn. In His name. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1937

WE HAVE HEARD THY VOICE, OUR FATHER, and again we come to Thee. Thou who art "The Great I Am," who forgives, redeems, and satisfies, hear us as we pause these sacred moments. Thou who art the source of our highest longings and aspirations, kindle a flame in our hearts that shall glow with the coming years. Enable us to be spiritual architects of our souls, building on an abiding foundation. We pray that their temples may arise to the music of eternity without the sound of a hammer nor the noise of a trowel. Wherever there is hate, oppression, and injustice, O Lord, Thy righteous will be done. Lead us to attain unto the wisdom of the wise by keeping us in touch with this throbbing human world. In thoughts and in practices may we go on and on, wondering at the fullness of divine love. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, whose love and mercy reach to all men, arm us with that faith which enriches and dignifies life and fills it with the momentum of a great purpose. We are glad for the quiet of another night; today may we show forth Thy thought, power, and beauty; let Thy justice and goodness possess us. Almighty God, we hear the clanging discords of men throughout our land. We earnestly pray Thee that the higher and more blessed unity of our Lord may prevail among them. Grant that wisdom, steady, serious, and tranquil, may beat a pathway through the tides of controversy and that understanding and mutual good will may merge strong and enduring on the side of brotherhood. Hear our prayer, O Lord, for Thy name's sake. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1937

The Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that this living truth may defy our doubts, break through our prejudices, and triumph over our fears. Enfold us with a sense of Thy nearness and let Thy spirit give insight of mind and tranquillity of soul. Only as we submit ourselves to Thy direction do our highest possibilities show forth the wisest decisions. Inspire us to do the right as we know the right and defend the truth as we know the truth. O Divine Love, Thou art never far from us. Come to those who are ill, answer their need in

tenderness, and bless them with a wealth of strength and with a richer wealth of love. In every crisis may we keep our anchorage to Thee unbroken. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1937

Almighty God, we thank Thee for Thy merciful gifts, so rich and bountiful, for the friendships which stir our affections, for the memories of the past with their melodies, for the joy of living, and for the hope of the years. Gracious Father, we would renew our allegiance to Thee and to our country. Let Thy blessing be upon us as a people; grant that the happiness of all may be the object of each. Bring us to the realization that it is better to give than to receive and better to serve than to be served. Blessed Lord, as these days are perilous with contagion, we pray Thee to keep our Speaker and the Congress in Thy nurturing care. We beseech Thee to preserve the health of their bodies and the vigor of their minds. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1937

Almighty God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, we pause to offer Thee our praise and gratitude. Grant that our spirits may chant a silent and humble refrain in memory of Thy mercy. Let Thy spirit come to every breast and bestow blessings of peace. Graciously remember our firesides and the loved ones of our home circles; may they be kept very near and dear to the heart of our Heavenly Father. We pray Thee to bear with our infirmities and fortify us against error and make us strong, wise, and urgent men for today. When the way is uncertain and confused, do Thou show forth the light of Thy wisdom. Without fear or hesitation may our devotion to the public good be without stint or reservation. Sustain us with the counsel of the Lord. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1937

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments; hold us close to Thee, our Father. We acknowledge our imperfections and pray that we may be strong and falter not in the presence of temptation. May the Christ spirit be the ruling passion of our daily conduct, that the strong may help the weak, the wise the foolish, the rich the poor, the good the bad, and that peace and good will may extend and bless our people everywhere. Let Thy merciful providence, O God, attend our fellow citizens as they come hither to pay tribute to our most distinguished President and our Vice President and those institutions which are the glory of a free and a liberty-loving people. Remember the avenues of our country through which the public mind is going and direct all in authority that they may deal justly and wisely with all problems. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1937

STRONG SON OF GOD, IMMORTAL LOVE, all that human nature has yearned for or thought to find is truly found in Thee; forever let our prayers go up and Thy blessings come down. May our President, Speaker, and the Congress have it deep in their breasts that the highest attainment of any nation or any man is to be one with Thee. Graciously bless them. Jealously proud of our country, may these Thy servants be quick to perceive, clear of judgment, wise in counsel, and always a friend of the friendless; with unfaltering courage may we move forward to serve and to sacrifice. Still the tumults, O Lord, of warring factions, wherever they are. Bind together all citizens of whatever race or religion, and with a common faith and zeal may they hasten the day when "man to man shall brother be" the world over. In Jesus' name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, author of life and purity, help us to lay hold of things eternal. We come to Thy feet in prayer that we may receive grace that makes for righteousness in the soul. We give Thee our hearty thanks for all our manifold blessings—so rich, so free, and so abundant. Define for us the pathway of duty and impart unto us courage to walk therein. O Lord God Most High, raging storms of destruction and ruin are sweeping over large areas of land. Arise in Thy might and stay the tragic tides of disaster, devastation, and death. Heavenly Father, turn Thou to the homeless, according to Thy loving kindness, and allow not the water floods to overflow them, neither let the deep swallow them up. Make haste to deliver them; come in all Thy fullness and have compassion upon Thine own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1937

BOW DOWN THINE EAR, O LORD, for we are poor and needy. Thou art a God full of compassion, gracious, long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and truth. Almighty God, we are feeble, sore broken, and our strength faileth. Make haste to rescue, succor, and help the homeless, the suffering, and the struggling countless thousands of our flood-stricken area. O Lord God, suffer not their hearts to languish, nor let them be dismayed. Bring a speedy release from the deathly clutches of the storm and the waves. God bless the American Red Cross with its deeds of heroism and glory. May its spirit surge through every heart. Again, Heavenly Father, we are in the shadow of death. Another Member has left us; a fine type of citizenship, a statesman of ability, a cultured Christian gentleman has gone to his eternal home. At the last may we pass on in the breath of God, through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1937

MERCIFUL GOD, OUR FATHER, as each day brings its duties and responsibilities help us to discharge them in accordance with Thy will and purpose. We praise Thee that behind the poorest soul that trembles in poverty, sickness, or despair on the face of the earth stands the heart of our everlasting Father. We beseech Thee to raise the brotherhood of common love. Be Thou, blessed Lord, with the smitten, the cast down, and especially with those who are stripped of everything that makes life desirable through calamities they cannot understand. Hear their soul's cry, brighten their midnight of affliction, and take all weary ones unto Thine arms. Help us all to profit by the past and to live nobly for the present. In the spirit of the Master. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1937

MOST GRACIOUS FATHER, the maker of heaven and earth, the source of every blessing, we thank Thee for this new day. Prepare us for its duties; purify us from all guile and endue us plenteously with heavenly gifts. We earnestly pray Thee that the breath of unselfish service may sweep through our land, bringing comfort to the unfortunate by sharing their heavy loads. May the sublime example of Calvary's cross be our guide and inspiration. Almighty God, be mercifully near the mourning thousands of the flood-stricken States. O save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance; feed them also and lift them up forever. Forsake them not, O Lord, our God; be not far from them. Make haste to help them, O Lord of our salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1937

INFINITE GOD, in whose wisdom and goodness there is neither variableness nor shadow of turning, consider and hear us. Support us this day with a sense of Thine approval. Deliver us, O Lord, from all mistaken notions of Thee and help us to see Thee in the light and mission of Thine only begotten Son. If any wrongs of injustice have been imposed upon us, may we forgive and forget with the realization that hatred or resentment cannot harmonize with the Golden Rule. Establish eternal hope in all breasts and allow nothing to obscure Thy face from us. Heavenly Father, be the guest at every hearthstone, the great physician at every cot of affliction, and the comforter of all. Through Christ. Amen.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1937

WE BLESS OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD for the inspiration of every permanent movement that enriches human life. We pray Thee that we may hallow Thy name in all our intercourse with our fellow men; let the law and the prophets be fulfilled in us. Cleanse our hearts from all secret faults; direct our thoughts and impulses and keep them in conformity to the high conceptions of truth and justice. Heavenly Father, in all the complicated problems that may arise help us to quit ourselves as God-fearing men. We pray that the dominant temper of the Congress may be couched in the precious fruits of the spirit—gentleness and patience, joy and love. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1937

MERCIFUL GOD, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, how wonderful are the works of Thy hands; what wisdom, what power, and what majesty back of all. Thou art the dearest and the nearest of all friends before whom we are perfectly known. Amid conflicting and contending forces may we do Thy will and measure up to the strength and the dignity of our manhood; we realize that whatever else is of value in life, character rises superior to all. We pray Thee, compassionate Father, to help us develop those qualities which are most desirable in the eyes of God and man. May this be a good week; let Thy richest blessings descend upon our Speaker and the Congress; quicken every impulse that makes for wise statesmanship; Father, preserve them in good health and strength. Almighty God, the moment is heavy as our hearts turn yonder to Thy ailing children amid their desolation and destruction. O give emancipation to the mourners and the martyrs. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1937

O THOU ETERNAL ONE, whose presence occupies all space, unchanged through the flight of time, Thou only art God! Without Thee, virtue, duty, and principle would be mocked and spurned. We praise Thee for Thy merciful goodness which has followed us all our days. Heavenly Father, we must not forget to keep Thee at the very heart and soul of our beings. From Thee alone flow strength and grace for each day. Help us to make our little world better and life a worthier thing. Be merciful unto us and let us make Thy wings our refuge; for Thy mercy is great unto the heavens and Thy truth unto the clouds. Be Thou exalted and let Thy glory be above the earth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1937

Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold He that keepeth Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

WE PRAY THEE, O LORD, that Thou wilt grant Thy blessing upon us, Thy children and the servants of the Republic. Create within us deep desires to purify ourselves, to walk patiently, and to discharge our duties according to the measure of our knowledge. Be pleased to bless our President and all his advisers; may they be guided through these times, so critical and perilous. Bless every household with light and gladness. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1937

O THOU WHO ART EVER NEAR TO BE GRACIOUS, looking, waiting, and loving men, we would be still and know that Thou art God! Bless the Congress assembled, all Governors and magistrates throughout our land. We pray that our citizens may live lives of industry, sobriety, and morality. May they cultivate self-restraint, becoming more free and aspiring to a more complete divine manhood. O Thou Master of Nazareth, bring men together by the common processes of Thy teaching; harmoniously relate them to the common life of man; keep them under Thy guidance. O King of the Eternities, sovereign in life and power, may we submit ourselves to Thee, that our joy may be fulfilled unto the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1937

O SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH, may we here and now rejoice in the Lord, be happy, and express our praise and gratitude these sacred moments. Draw us up toward the higher and the better life. Sun of Righteousness, with healing in Thy wings, shine upon men, teaching them the excellence of Thy truth. Inspire us with allegiance to Thy law, and in all our ways may we acknowledge Thy commandments. Almighty God, be with men everywhere. Take from their hearts all selfishness, all resentment and revenge, and make them a light and a comfort to the weak and the poor. This is the highest work of man in his noblest aspects and ideals. We pray Thee that liberty may come forth everywhere. In every station in life may men be permitted to breathe the air of freedom, and let them see the salvation of our God. In the name of the Galilean. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1937

O THOU WHO SITTEST IN THE SEAT OF EVERLASTING LOVE, may our hearts respond to that praise and gladness worthy of the children of God. Do Thou, morning, noon, and night, inspire in us those nobilities which enrich human life. We pray Thee that the gospel of peace may spread throughout our Nation. In that spirit that liberalizes, bring men nearer to one another and make them feel more the ties of common brotherhood; hand in hand and heart to heart may they labor. We beseech Thee that truth may triumph against error, justice against oppression, and humanity against wrong. Heavenly Father, be with our honored Speaker and the Congress throughout the coming week; may their deliberations be worthy of their high calling. Bless us with Thy merciful providence out of the heart of heaven. In the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, "Thou only art holy." We thank Thee for the steps that lead to the altar of prayer. We are never lost to Thy power and mercy. Thou walkest upon the sea and in the night, upon the shore and in the twilight. We praise Thee that Thou dost pity us, knowing our frame and remembering that we are dust. As love subdues the rebellious passions in human nature, may we be kept in affiliation with Thee by having the spirit of loving sacrifice. Make it Thy right, O God, to instill in our minds and hearts wise and noble purposes. Let Thy light be our light, Thy service our joy, Thy peace our inheritance. Heavenly Father, touch our lips today that they may utter no unkind word; and touch our hearts that they may feel no wrong desires, and Thine shall be the praise forever. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose name is Jehovah, on this day of olden time Thou didst hear and consider the penitential prayers of Thy earthly Zion. O Lord, our Father and Redeemer, hear us and let us behold Thy face in loving mercy. Put out all our misdeeds, cast us not away from Thy presence, take not Thy holy spirit from us. Let us rejoice in Thy glory and rest in hope eternal. In Thy presence is fullness of joy, at Thy right hand are pleasures forevermore. We rejoice that whatever there is in holiness, in nobility, in patience, and whatever there is in heroism among men cometh from our universal Father. We pray that we may not be fearful to be spent for a life higher than the body and nobler than the flesh. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1937

Our Lord and Master, look down and behold from Thy habitation of holiness and restrain not Thy mercy toward us. It is blessed to live, yet it is more blessed to live well, for our works do follow us. We make confession: We need more of the sense of divine; Thy covenant Thou wilt not break. Direct this honorable assembly by Thy counsels and give wisdom to all deliberations; make the path of vision plain. Heavenly Father, help us to stand strong in the might of virtue, intelligence, and in that faith wherewith we are made free.

O God of Israel, sound forth through our land, and may our people live in peace and in contentment because they have heard Thy voice, the music of heaven, which is the message of an all-redeeming Father. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1937

Almighty God of the ages, author of every blessing and giver of every perfect gift, truly our soul waiteth on Thee. Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. With Thee the night shineth as the day and the darkness as the light. The Lord God bless every section of our Republic. Hear us for our Union, strong and great, and for our glorious ship of state. With malice toward none, with charity for all, may our national ensign continue in peace and unity to float over a great people dedicated to the sacred rights of human freedom. Dwell in us, our Father; sanctify all sorrows, all strugglings, and make recovery from every misfortune. Hold in Thy merciful remembrance, O God, our Speaker and the Congress. May they ever register their patriotic devotion on the side of truth, purity, and justice. Through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1937

We are lingering and waiting for Thee, O Lord. "If any lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Heavenly Father, may we rise through the ministration of Thy Holy Spirit and be lifted up above all littleness, all untruth, and our hearts purified from all guile. In the name of the Master and in the name of man may we be friends of God. May it be given to us to practice those virtues which make our homes, whether cottage or castle, the abodes of peace and happiness. Blessed Lord, let these days be dedicated without discord to the diffusion of knowledge, rectitude, and justice throughout our Land. Take unto Thyself our President, our Speaker, and the entire Congress. In the name of the Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1937

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US AND BLESS US, and cause his mercy to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon earth and Thy saving grace among all nations. Heavenly Father, lift us up into large spheres and create within us a satisfying sense of the glory and value of life. Let our souls draw new breath and vigor from an expanding spiritual life that hears the passion for humanity throbbing in the breast of Jesus. Catching the fire of His public soul, inspire us to do our part in healing the open sores of our country; may we rise in moral triumph in a mission of service for our fellow men. "For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work; I will triumph in the works of Thy hands." We thank Thee for Thy providences that know all our wants and supply all our necessities. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1937

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou hast made us immortal beings with deathless souls; in mercy and in judgment, Thou art calling us nignt and day. O God, may we hear Thy voice and turn the parched lands of our souls into gardens of spiritual bloom. Grant us faith to realize that Thou knoweth the essence of life to be divine and that Thou art seeking lovingly to manifest Thy divinest works. Let the light and love of the Almighty One rise afresh with healing in His wings and teach men that the supreme passion is to serve. In the midst of the rush and roar of life steady us with tones of tenderness, truth, and courage; feed us with the bread of heaven. Stay our souls on Thy holy Word: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, but his delight is in the law of the Lord." In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1937

GRACIOUS LORD AND FATHER OF US ALL, we pray that the footfall of the Master may pass this way. It was He who opened the way into the bosom of the Father, revealing His gentleness, mercy, and love. May we be faithful to the requirements of our calling by heeding the words: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Be Thou unto us one whom we delight to serve. Cleanse our minds from prejudice and confirm us in trust as against all fear. Bless all schools and all instruments of education and let their light be diffused throughout our whole country. Look with divine favor upon all churches and all institutions of beneficence. May our fellow men come to the knowledge of the revelation of the truth as it is in the teaching of the Man of Galilee. May there be peace and happiness in all the earth, and Thine shall be the praise. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR EVERLASTING FATHER, Thy marvelous Providence is seen in shaping and guiding the destinies of men and nations. Thou hast raised up a man clothed in majesty to sustain and with might to overcome the giant forces arrayed against the march of civilization. Today the heart of our country is stirred in praise and gratitude for the peerless Washington, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. We thank Thee for this patriot statesman and Christian gentleman who knelt at the altar of sacrifice that freedom from tyrannical domination might live. In this sacred hour as we are reminded of the providential epochs of his life and the wisdom of his deathless words, may we seek to emulate his courage, persistence, and his undying devotion which are the admiration of the world. Blessed Lord, let us feel Thy spirit bowing over us in holy benediction, of whom the world was not worthy. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1937

THOU INFINITE GOD, OUR FATHER, we thank Thee for all the light which has fallen upon the earth. By the inspiration of this sacred moment may we be prepared to meet the obligations of this day. Blessed Lord, the whole work of life and its contests represents the struggles and the aspirations of man; may we put ourselves under Thy guidance. Hide not Thy face from us in the time of our need; in the day when we call, answer us speedily. Let not the sun stand a thousand years in the firmament until the rulers of earth bring Thee their glory and in Thy light may the nations walk. Heavenly Father, another Member has fallen. He was pronounced in his convictions and pure in motives. He served his State and country with fidelity and singleness of purpose. Comfort all those who knew and loved him. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1937

THOU ALMIGHTY ONE, changeless from age to age, on Thee we build our faith. We can trust Thee in darkness and in the light, for ourselves and all whom we love, for time and eternity. Our Father, enable us to accept what cannot be avoided and sustain us with the peace of God, the higher calm and the eternal poise. Do Thou enrich us with Thy grace; it ripens to sweetness and joy; it softens prejudice and weakens bigotry and makes more beautiful this world home of ours. Blessed Lord, be Thou the comforter of any who may be suffering from undue care and anxiety; be with those of our Members who are ill. We beseech Thee to penetrate the shadows and give promise of health and strength. Merciful Father, draw very near our beloved Speaker and the Congress. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1937

THOU, O LORD, art high above all the earth; Thou art exalted above all gods. We thank Thee for light that is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. We pray for mastery over circumstances and for wisdom to execute the duties of our commission. Heavenly Father, may we be steadfast in hope, errorless in purpose, breathing forth the love and power that make men great. Lead us, we beseech Thee, beyond the peradventure of a doubt, and bless us with the real presence of the Divine; quicken our souls; inspire right motives; stir our imaginations with the lure of the unseen; and challenge our minds with adventure for exalted moral ideals. O Lord of Life, may there be no steps between Thee and us. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1937

PRAISE THE LORD, O JERUSALEM, praise thy God, O Zion. His word runneth very swiftly. Heavenly Father, we pray that we may start down the path of this new week with the majesty of a clear conscience sweeping through our beings. Pondering God and that inner voice, which is the eye of the soul, we shall not wander in the forbidden ways checkered by light and shadow. Thus armed, gracious Lord, we shall be restrained from that which is wrong, and the way of truth, wisdom, and right shall be pointed out. Do Thou enhance in us the real value of self and help us to measure up to the highest ideals of manhood. May we be made worthy of Thy approbation and the approval of our fellow men. We breathe an earnest prayer for our Speaker and for all who are associated with these historic walls. With increasing faith in the right, may we be fully prepared to enter upon our labors.

Again, blessed Lord, we are in the valley. The shadows hover low. Another distinguished Member has left us, faithful in his public service and upright in his private life. *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*

We thank Thee for these undying words. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, unrestrained by time or space, Thou art righteous in all Thy ways and holy in all Thy works. Thou art our hope and our portion in the land of the living. Teach us, we pray Thee, to do the thing that pleaseth Thee and let Thy loving spirit lead us forth. We thank Thee for Thy gracious promise: "Thou wilt give him the morning star." We wait upon Thee for light to guide us in all-wise endeavor. Inspire us with unmovable conviction that means character building, truth discovering, and peace promoting. Do Thou let these stand out as the

rewarding tasks of this Congress. Help us, therefore, Heavenly Father, to sow good seed, that the harvest may be the fruits of joy, happiness, and contentment. The Lord God look upon our native land with mercy; and let peace, prosperity, and good will reign supreme. In the Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1937

Almighty God, give us understanding that we may learn Thy commandments and let Thy merciful kindness be our comfort. O may we praise the Lord for His goodness and declare the wonders He doeth for the children of men. We thank Thee that Thou art He that doeth abundantly more than we ask or think. The Lord God help us to add to our faith virtue; to virtue knowledge; to knowledge temperance; to temperance patience; to patience godliness; to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. We pray Thee, our Father, to let Thy holy words encourage endeavor, inspire effort, and direct us in thought and in deed. Thine shall be the glory forever. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1937

In the sacred moments of this hush, O Lord, hear our prayer and consider our desire; hearken unto us for Thy truth's and righteousness' sake. Here we would pause and find in Thee strength, courage, and usefulness; here may we be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. Teach us Thy statutes and let love be found to disarm all fears and bring to this chosen assemblage wisdom and encouragement. We pray Thee, our Father, to cleanse us in thought and feeling; sanctify all mistakes and failures and recover us out of every ill. Grant us such a sense of Thy nearness that our hearts shall overflow with boundless good will and service for our country. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1937

O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His holy name; He has been always mindful of His covenant and promise. Heavenly Father, accept our thanksgiving and praise for the privilege of another day. Give us understanding minds and hearts. Teach us to know that life is a great opportunity and that the world is full of open doors. Allow not our contact with it to cloud the vision and the ideals of the soul. Thou eternal source of life and light, giver of unspeakable gifts, from whose abundance come the blessings of man, may we abound in every good work. Steady our hearts; keep us in the ways of patience, obedience, and service; guide us with Thine eye and keep us this day without sin. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1937

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; Thy judgments are a great deep.

BLESSED LORD, we seek the fellowship of Him who trod the wine press alone that we may not be less than ourselves. Vouchsafe Thy guidance unto us and banish fear and unbelief from our breasts. We pray Thee to make our lives lofty in spirit and in aim, and enable us to bravely resist temptation and with manly silence sustain the heaviest burdens. Pour upon us, our Heavenly Father, the riches of Thy grace and the abundance of Thy mercy. In all our land may that which is mischievous be turned into blessings and the perverted things redeemed from lust and selfishness. Graciously be with our Speaker and this selected body of the people throughout this week. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1937

AS WE WAIT IN THIS PLACE OF PRAYER, OUR FATHER, we trust that our grateful emotions are too deep for adequate expression. We give thanks to Thee, blessed Lord God, for Thou dost remember us our low estate; Thou givest grace and glory and withholdeth no good thing. O may Thy praise be continually in our hearts. We pray that Thy thoughts may be our thoughts and Thy ways our ways. Grant that we may be potent factors in the extension of Thy kingdom, and hasten the time when men shall understand that "to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Encompass us with that heavenly charity which recognizes in our brethren the good, and darken the eyes that see nothing but imperfection and failure. Unveil the cross and may we behold Him, and help us to live in the spirit of adoring wonder, praise, and consecration. In His name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1937

OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, we rejoice that Thou art a God of the little child, of the unlettered, of the afflicted, and of those who have wandered from the right way. We thank Thee that Thou art the King of righteousness, truth, peace, and love. We pray that our souls may give Thee entrance and allow not our hearts to deceive us. Holy Spirit, fill us with the visions, the charities, and the enthusiasms of a new life. We pray that this day may be filled with brotherly harmonies; give glow and passion to all our deliberations. When questions arise may they receive the best and the strongest persuasions of our understanding. Inspire us all, we beseech Thee, with a clearer and larger life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1937

WE DESIRE, FATHER IN HEAVEN, to lift up our voice in thanksgiving and praise. As we pray, may we together remember with gratitude the never-failing mercy and goodness of an infinite God. Thy servant has said: "Blessed are those who are undefiled in the way and walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep His testimonies and that seek Him with a whole heart." O that we might always be animated by Thy holy word. Do Thou write it within us. We pray that all our duties may weigh with sacredness upon our hearts. Strengthen our faith in the eternal verities and inspire us to live up to the ideals and teachings of the Master. Merciful Father, permit us to carry into the evening shadows the sweet assurance that we have won love by deserving it and happiness by bestowing it. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who art the wisdom of the ages, let us feel Thy presence breathing life and balm into our natures. We raise our prayer to Thee, saying: Unto Thy name be all glory and power forever and ever. Bestow upon us the blessing of Thy spirit, full of vital, stimulating strength; do Thou fill our hearts with gladness and our souls with vibrating joy. We pray Thee to order our steps in Thy word so that no wickedness shall have dominion over us. Show the light of Thy countenance upon these, Thy servants, for Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness and Thy law is truth. Lofty in morals, let it lead the way to the dignities and treasures of an exalted manhood. We thank Thee for Thine only begotten Son. In Him was no temper of vanity, of greed, or of passion. With steadfast vigor may we be able to go on and know the Lord. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1937

O THOU SHEPHERD AND BISHOP OF OUR SOULS, let our unfolding sense be filled with the truth, for in Thee is all wisdom. Thou art righteous in all Thy ways and holy in all Thy works; Thou art nigh unto them that call upon Thee. Bless our Speaker and the Congress assembled. Enrich us with the spirit that sees the best in everything; clothe us all with the spirit of the Master, and thus may we build ourselves into the public and private circles of our fellow men. Heavenly Father, those who are burdened with affliction and cares do Thou gird them with Thy comfort and strength; O throw the light of Thy love upon all the scenes of human life. Almighty God, give us faith to believe that throughout the ages one increasing purpose runs. Lord God, let truth, justice, and righteousness be augmented a thousandfold in all the earth, and peace shall reign among men even as it is in heaven. We wait and still wait for that day, for that glorious day whose dawning is not yet as the twilight upon the mountains. O hasten the morning and let it advance and roll on. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1937

BLESSED LORD AND SAVIOUR, we look unto Thee that we may know Thy will. We would be reminded of Thy holy word: God is love; he that loveth dwelleth in God and God in him. May we ponder Thy teaching, for herein is rooted whatever is large and grand in human life. Heavenly Father, as we look into the mirror of our current country, we see the distemperature of passion and the dominance of selfishness. We most humbly beseech Thee to be the designing and the discerning power in the midst of all hostilities. Oh, bring together the mighty forces and make them instruments of justice, happiness, and prosperity. Gracious Lord, persuade all citizens that it is their blessed, solemn, and patriotic duty to make their offering at the altar of the Republic. May we hear the command: Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, THE FATHER OF US ALL, we thank Thee for that providence which watches over human affairs. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's notice. Fill us with the spirit of praise and gratitude and may we reach forth toward a better manhood with ardor and with patient perseverance. Blessed Lord God, we bless Thee for the pure, self-sacrificing sons of God of the mighty past who were bearers of that gospel that brings out of the darkness the morning light and the glory of the Lord. We pause today in memory of one of earth's great immortals. His name is unsullied, unblemished, and untainted. He was inspired by the urgency of a great duty and stimulated in the joy of a great purpose. Sorrowing yet rejoicing, poor yet making many rich, having nothing yet possessing all things, he lived and died for the love of Christ and for the salvation of man. O God, bring together in the simplicity of truth and love all those of every name, so that the whole brotherhood of man may walk together. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1937

THE LORD HIMSELF IS OUR KEEPER; the Lord is our defense upon our right hand. Great peace have they who love Thy law. The Lord God will preserve our going out and our coming in from this time forth; praise ye the Lord. Heavenly Father, may we be faithful and manly, and, wherever we are, may we fill the measure of love and peace with all that is best. We pray Thee to grant Thy blessing upon all conditions of men. Kindle again the extinguished torch of their disappointments. Use us, blessed Lord, to

perform all deeds of kindness; to encourage some forgotten friend of our childhood; to help some struggling youth to his ambition; and to some darkened home may we bring hope. Heavenly Father, keep us mindful these days of the earthly calendar of our Lord, the vastness of His dominion, His majesty, the sweep of His intelligence, and the eternity of His being, and unto Thee be all glory both now and ever. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, the merciful Father of humanity, allow not the clouds and darkness to be roundabout Thy throne. O Thou who didst climb the scarred and bleeding summit of Calvary, for Thy mercy's sake, hear our prayer. We pause at the riverside; our harps are on the willow; we falter on the world's great altar stairs that slope through darkness up to God. Thou who canst fill with comfort broken hearts, broken loves, and broken lives, be Thou the angel of consolation in that sorely stricken district in our Southland. In their deepest sorrow and saddest bereavement unveil Thy face in every home where tragedy is so deep and overwhelming. O speak, Mighty Life, and let in the morning of hope and peace. Thou blessed Christ, whose love for little children was so divine that it would not let them go, take them and keep them in the white light of the Father's throne. Their shadow was love, their language was music, and their steps were a benediction. O Saviour of the ages, hear our prayer. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1937

O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men. The Lord Jehovah liveth. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree and shall spread abroad like the cedar of Lebanon.

AROUSE, O LORD, in our land that conscience that saves from the clutch of selfishness, sin, and rebellion. We entreat Thee to break through the deep vault of every section until they are powerless against the majesty of righteousness, justice, and truth. Make our national life clear and benevolent, that all problems may be worked out in the calmness of brotherhood and cooperation. In this, the Passion Week of our Lord, we would tarry in Galilee. We would walk with the Master, hear His warnings, heed His entreaties; we would confess Him at the throne of eternal love and follow Him until daybreak in the garden, and Thine shall be the glory forever. Heavenly Father, preserve the health of our President and clothe him with great wisdom; do Thou sustain the health and strength of our most brotherly Speaker and all Members of this Chamber. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1937

HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD, according to Thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Give us possession of ourselves, sustain us with Thy presence, and gladden us in the increase of our strength. Heavenly Father, help us to keep in our hearts the ministries of the Master, the cup of cold water, the widow's mite, and Mary's sacrifice; may these bless us after the sun goes down. His holy nature stooped to the lowest tasks while His thoughts were wandering through the eternities. Almighty God, crown us with His life, light, and love, and may our thoughts and actions be unspotted by the sense of guilt. Inspire us, blessed Lord, to live more by faith and less by sight, more by the power of God and less by the power of the world, and more by those holy conceptions which call us into the emancipation of the spirit. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1937

O INFINITE SPIRIT, creator of immortal souls, bear with us and hear our supplication in the name of our Lord and Master. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory and honor. O Divine One, let those influences which purify the world and give luster to human life mercifully flow from Thee. Our land, such a gracious providence, is so full of music, yet stifled and unexpressed. Almighty God, may it sound and resound in the hearts of our fellow citizens. The eternal harmony has never been broken nor has the rainbow ever ceased to span Thy throne. O may life's throng and press touch the hem of Thy garment; how much the pangs of hate and the wounds of paralyzing fear would be lessened. Arise, O Lord, in our Nation's sky with healing in Thy wings. Amid its crossroads hold all men to high purposes, lift our standards, and raise our ambitions. We beseech Thee, our Father, to clothe us with that faith which sanctifies the home, the common pathways of life, and that secures the perpetuity of our Republic. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1937

WASHINGTON'S PRAYER FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection. That Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

"And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example, in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation.

"Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1937

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

WE PRAISE THEE that Thou didst not suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption. We rejoice to know that life is ever lord of death and because He lives we shall live also. Still, still with Thee when purple morning breaketh and fadeless day gilds the sky and clothes the cheerless, desolate tomb with the glory of the risen Lord. We praise Thee, O Lord, for returning springtime; fill our lives with kindred joy and promise; awaken in us that life which care, sorrow, and trouble have often caused to die out. O give unto us that spiritual vision by which we behold the beauty of divine things. Through the dispensation of Providence death has again entered our family and taken a faithful servant; with fidelity and honor he served the public. May the glow of Easter Day be the undying hope of those who knew and loved him. Through Christ our glorified Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1937

AGAIN, O LORD GOD, we turn to Thee with gratitude and praise. Thou hast thrown the light of eternal morning on the Great Beyond; the dark gray ministry of the cloud is over and the crown of thorns is transformed into a garland of lilies. Verify Thy word unto us, our Father, for Thy word is truth; they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Thy word is no vague counsel; help us not to miss its guiding truth; inspire us with the faith and zeal of the Master. Grant that the roots of all bitterness may be starved and strangled by the flowers of grace and the fruits of love. Give us the courage to overawe littleness by greatness, shame impurity by the beauty of holiness, and drive out sadness by the power of a great joy. Do Thou let the blessing of Almighty God rest upon our President, our Speaker, the Cabinet, and the two Houses of Congress. We earnestly pray that they may work in faith, wisdom, and cooperation. Let duties be performed with cheerfulness, lessons learned with humility, and crosses borne with patient hope. In the name of our Lord and Master. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR LORD AND MASTER, bow down Thine ear and let us breathe our prayer to a patient, loving Heavenly Father. We pray that these moments may not be shadowed by a passing cloud of doubt. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. May we ponder this promise and revalue it in our hearts. The still, small voice is more commanding than the sound of many trumpets. Give us strength to master temptations and subdue fears. Bridge our faults and forgive our failures. Let Thy will be done; so often our wills are blind and erring and Thine is infinite in wisdom. O Lord God, make us worthy to come and go before our people as cleansing, uplifting forces for goodness; saturate us with balanced understanding, pulsating with light and brimming with a cheerful joyous outlook. Bless our broad and growing country. May our national life be a song, a poem of human brotherhood, and free from unwelcome strife. We pray that all homes may burst into higher forms and glow in richer colors. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank Thee for the transcendent riches of the divine heart. In the tenderness of Thy strength manifest Thyself in our purposes and achievements. We praise Thee for the rewards of the faithful. Thou wilt give them the morning star, the symbol of calmness and long perspective. Open our eyes to large views; and with a high sense of our responsibility and with dignity of character may we walk the pathway of life. Merciful God, come to this scarred, torn, modern world with ministries of wisdom and knowledge; impress it with the tragedies which corrode and corrupt the common order of humanity. Do Thou break down the tyranny of selfishness, which is the secret of its fatal woes, and enthrone in its very soul the power of Christian brotherhood. Strip away all hypocritical pretenses, all godless ambitions and falsehood, and let there be an inbreak of the Almighty One into the souls of all lands. Remember us, O Lord, with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people. *Bless the Lord, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the Lord.*

In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1937

WE THANK THEE, OUR FATHER, for Thy daily blessings. Our best riches are the gifts from Thy bountiful hand; they do not spring from the depths where gold and gems are gathered; they are the choicest riches of the soul, such as knowledge, usefulness, and love. May we rejoice in the magnitude of Thy mercies, build up and adorn the stations to which we are called.

Sustain those who may be weighted with sorrow, discouragement, or disappointment. So magnify Thyself that their painful experiences may not be able to last, clarify their firesides, let not their skies be robbed of blue, show anew Thy living, moving presence. Lord God, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? Who shall abide in Thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1937

WE DRAW NEAR TO THEE, our Heavenly Father, with grateful testimony for Thy goodness and mercy. All through the ages Thou hast been striving with the spirits of men. It is not the unity or the potency of steel, but the spirit of the divine Carpenter that works in transfigured lives and in nations reborn. We pray for the divine blessing to rest upon all powers which are counseling together to disarm the bloody hand of war. Merciful God, we pause where poppies grow row upon row. Upon our ears fall the sounds of marching streets; there are the widows, the mothers, and the orphans, broken and alone, the agonizing victims of war's unbridled fury. O that bread should be so dear and flesh and blood so cheap. May the arms of the Republic never fail them. Be Thou the repose of their minds, the joy of their hearts, and the rest of their souls. Almighty God, we pray Thy benediction may be with all races, and may the ends of the earth come together in the name of the brotherhood of man. O may peace rest like a white shaft across the breast of the world and may the drumbeats of our own land be unity, brotherhood, and good will. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR EVERLASTING FATHER, who dost all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear our supplication. With each day come fresh duties. May we waste no time on lost opportunities, but turn the leaf of another day and behold the page with confidence and assurance. We beseech Thee to graciously equip us for the tasks that await us. Grant that we may have hearts and dispositions that make labor a delight and doing good to others a sacred privilege. Save us from angry passions and stimulate us with good desires. When we are selfish, forgive; when we wander astray, recall; and when we think ill of others, do Thou restrain. Clothe us, we pray Thee, with that deep wisdom that never fails to bear fruits of happiness and good will, and Thine shall be the glory. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1937

HEAVENLY FATHER, morning, noon, and night, out of Thine own divine nature, Thou art bestowing upon us those affections which enkindle happiness and enlarge the spheres of human life. Almighty God, Thou art transcendent in power, infinite in excellence over all, and blessed forever more. We pray for all classes and conditions of men. Take them unto Thyself, and may they be united in a genuine desire to succor their fellow men and be raised from the carnal life into a truly brotherly life, in which there is justice, peace, and good will. Speak to their storms and passions and allay strife and contention. We pray that all men may become free by becoming better, fuller of the divine manhood; thus bound together in a common sympathy and fraternity. Be pleased to be with us this day, O Lord, through Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 1937

O LORD, OUR LORD, whose throne is in the heavens and whose footstool is the earth, be pleased to put us in the mood of prayer. Lead us in Thy righteousness and make Thy way straight before us. We pray Thee to stir within us those qualities which lift us into the elect of a sturdy, invigorating manhood. We must deny ourselves, overcome our sins, and build characters which become the children of the Most High. Blessed be Thy holy name for the humanities of Thy kingdom. Keep us alive to human suffering and eager to serve our country's need. Grant, our Father, that peace and happiness may come over our people like a glorious sunrise, brightening up the remotest corners of our land. Feed us with the bread of life. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1937

THOU GOD OF THE HUMAN HEART, teach us the gladness of that life which is responsive to Thy messages through Nature. We thank Thee for the promise and the brightness of returning springtime. Leaf, flower, and fruit are beginning to clothe grove, dale, and hillside. We rejoice in the radiant sunlight and the deep blue sky. Surely the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork. All about us Thy beautiful world is thrilling with new life. Today, our Father, fill us with its calmness, serenity, and kindred joy. Awaken in us a like renewal which cold doubt has so often caused to die out. O Spirit of God, direct us and rule us, broaden our spiritual vision. Blessed Lord, as the grass, the flowers, the trees, and the streams are vocal with Thy praise, attune our hearts to their melody. Bless our esteemed Speaker and be very near to every Member of the Congress. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1937

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. O send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me.

WE PRAY THEE that more and more we may practice self-denial and zeal for doing good. Thou who art our refuge and strength, shield us from the power of temptation and help us to bring into subordination every passion and every weakening tendency. By Thy grace may we be aided in emulating the good in others and be able to make the world a little brighter because of Thy gift to us this day. May we grow larger and larger in things right. With humbleness of mind and with a sense of unworthiness help us to do our part in the great field of human life in overcoming evil and in pursuing that which is good. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR FATHER, in gracious blessings, be Thou with our President and the Pan American nations and their rulers. Grant that every patriot's heart may be touched today as the volumes of unity and fellowship roll skyward. We beseech Thee that the dawn of good will and brotherhood may continue to grow, as the regeneration of the world's democracies is the road to universal peace. God, be merciful unto us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon earth and Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God. Let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us; God shall bless us and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1937

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

WE PRAY, BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, that this immortal prayer may voice the longing of every breast. Hear us, for we are poor and needy, but Thou dwellest in eternity and Thy estate is boundless and transcends every measure we have on earth. We praise Thee that Thou dost not move in the narrow sphere of time. Let us listen to that richer and greater wisdom: The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. Almighty God, Thou art ever sounding across the years the law of right and wrong; it is the secret that can harmonize and stabilize the world. May we lay hold on the greatness of God and be clothed with the spirit of the Master. We pray that our people may be patient, and may they live not alone for outward prosperity. O let cooperation prevail among us and our Republic become a song and not a strife—a poem of human brotherhood. Through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1937

HEAVENLY FATHER, spirit of grace, incline our hearts to keep Thy law. We open our needs to Thee; forgive us our sins. So often our energies surge in uneasy conflict; we pray that they may be made subservient to a vigorous will and servants of a tender conscience. Almighty God, Thy hand was in the founding of the fortunes of our Republic; we bow at its altar and do homage to its ideals, its glorious company of apostles and martyrs of human liberty. May we ever cherish it as our home, and may it remain the shrine of our hearts. The blessings of a merciful Father rest with the notable organization which is the present guest of our city. Bless our whole land with enduring God-fearing men and women. O send a flush of gratitude through all breasts and let Columbia become the crown of our unfulfilled lives and hopes. We pray that this new week may be a rich opportunity for our Speaker and Congress for serving, sharing, and learning. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1937

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, Thou hast remembered Thy mercy and truth toward us; we would exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill. We praise Thee for the world in which Thou last placed us, for the heavens that smile above us, and for the future in the distance. Blessed Lord, we thank Thee for everything that is intended to make us strong, brave, and good. Keep us from all littleness, and may we not be turned aside by things unworthy. Allow doubt and irresolution to take their flight and let confidence and faith appear as the magnetic power of all our labors. Let Thy mercy lead us to repentance and to joyous unselfish living. We pray Thee to fill us with the spirit of the Teacher of Nazareth and send us forth today in the service of our country. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1937

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we would worship and kneel before the Lord, our maker, for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. May we hear Thy voice and harden not our hearts. Thou art a merciful God, seeking to lift those who are low, to inspire those who are dark, and to give comfort to those who are needy. Gracious Lord, may we be glad of life because of its gracious privileges to serve, to love, and to see God's great out-of-doors. We praise Thee for these tidings of wonder, majesty, and power. We pray Thee to sweeten our impulses, stir our thoughts, and stimulate our confidence in the crowned glories of humanity. O life is sweet to those who meet it with a heart and eye for the good, but dismal for those who mete out to it sore distrust. Help us, O Lord, to grow valiantly strong by the beautiful graces of life, and take away the heresies of the human heart. May we cherish the better gifts of faith, hope, and love. In the Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1937

Reverently and believingly, our Father in Heaven, we would hearken unto Thee. We thank Thee for that light which reveals to us the divine estimate of human life. We praise Thee that it lifts the veil and tells that God is wise and good. We pray that we may take up our duties with unselfish hearts and with fidelity to our trust. If belief is hard, if hopes fail and disappointments come, with quiet-hearted trust may our labors become a sacrament as we work with upturned faces. We pray that throughout the hours we may be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. In lowly and in gentle ways encourage us always to do what we can to bind up the broken-hearted, to relieve the distressed, to strengthen the weak, and do our whole duty with unflagging purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1937

Hear our prayer, O God, and hide not Thyself from our petition. Take heed unto us and hear us; Thou art our hope and a present strength. We pray that we may manifest our love to Thee by our willingness to serve our fellow men. Sanctify our affections, our aspirations, and our silent sufferings. Heavenly Father, endue us with the faith, the trust, and the purity of the childlike spirit. The greatest gift of heaven and earth sprang from these, and surely He pours reproach upon all forms of selfishness and mammon worship. O God, forgive us, for we tremble when we remember that Thou art just and holy. Blessed Lord, hasten to bring in the bright day when the light of Thy truth shall radiate in all our land. May we, the children of Thy love, be newborn into a deeper spirituality, a richer life, and keep us ever Thine. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1937

Almighty God and most merciful Father, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, inspire us with hearts of prayer. Thou who art the fount of light and life of men, bless us with Thy guidance. Our yearning spirits and quivering faith look up to Thee; the time never comes when our limitations do not imperil our peace and judgment. Grant to hear all prayers that have voiceless lips and are too sacred for speech. With Thy searching gaze cleanse every secret deed and hidden thought. Grant Thy blessing upon the President of these United States and be very near our Speaker and the Congress. We pray Thee to give them wisdom and divine direction through these critical times. The Lord help us to be careful of our words as of our actions, and as far from speaking ill as from doing ill; and Thine shall be the praise through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1937

THESE MOMENTS, OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that the hand of our God may be upon us. Grant that we may catch the still, small whisper of Thy voice, which will remind us of Him whose mission is blessedness and peace. Thou hast said if any man lack wisdom let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not. Thou knowest our frame and rememberest that we are dust. Restrain us and bless us with pure hearts and with contented spirits. Endue us with that vision which sees the whole range of our country as our field of service. Strong Son of God, forbid that we should fail Thee or the expectations of fellow men. The Lord help us that we may never shame the fair land from which we have sprung. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, we pray in the name of Him whom Thou hast highly exalted and placed above every authority. We pray Thee to grant that His sovereign power may work in us. If we be one with Him, then in every conflict, bitter passion, and strange struggle we are saved from evil assaults and from the ills which threaten us. Heavenly Father, fill us with reverence, faith, hope, and love; strengthen and harmonize our souls by the vision of the good and holy God. Do Thou be with all the sick and suffering ones; comfort, soothe, and quiet them in their affliction. Stoop from Thy throne and help them bear the sorrows that bow them down, and may they rest in peace, for the Lord doth care. Let today be a noble task time, and therein may we strive to follow excellence and do good. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thee for the Christ, our Passover. It was He who bore the burden, wore the crown, and found a throne in a sepulcher. We pray Thee to reach forth and warm our hearts and quicken our wills. Be with us in mercy and wisdom, that there may be trust and mutual understanding among us. Separate us from those things which cause jealousies and harsh contentions. O Thou Shepherd of Israel, show us the light of Thy countenance and make us, as Thy servants, to delight in that which is good and upright in public and in private life. If we have wronged our friends, if we have been false to ourselves, O Lord God, make us true. We beseech Thee to feed our minds and enrich our hearts if we have been blind to the countless treasures of our beloved country. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1937

Let our prayer come before Thee, O Lord, and give us understanding according to Thy word. May our tongues speak of Thy word, for all of Thy commandments are righteousness. Thou hast said, "After this manner pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever." Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1937

O love of God so strong and true, we praise Thee that Nature has broken forth in complete beauty—its glory, how sweet; its newborn light, how glad. We pray Thee that no clouds may hide from us the light of Thy love. Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for days agone; we trust Thee for the week before us. O Trinity of purity, wisdom, and power, fill its hours with steady counsels, honoring our blessed country, whose appointed servants we are. Keep us calm amid discussions and self-possessed when confusion threatens. We beseech Thee to attend our President, our Vice President, and the honorable Senate. In the abundance of Thy mercy abide with our beloved Speaker and every Member of this Chamber. At the shrine of our Saviour we offer our prayer for the stricken ones in our ranks. O Angel of Mercy, encamp round about them. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1937

Heavenly Father, Thou who hast kept us through the unconsciousness of our slumbering hours and brought us to the glorious light of a new day, we praise Thee. In this world of mingled good and evil and the ceaseless struggle of right and wrong, we pray that we may be enlisted in the service of the right. Assist us to keep a happy attitude of cooperation with Thee and with one another. Breathe upon us Thy holy spirit and from restless, vain desires keep us free. Sanctify the meditations of our hearts, for we cannot sow distrust and not reap it or pride and not fall. We trust that we may be carried into the evening shadows with the sweet assurance that other lives have been enriched by our kind words and helpful deeds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1937

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

WE WOULD HUMBLE OURSELVES AND DRAW NIGH UNTO THEE, O God. Grant to keep our lips from sin this day and our hearts from shame. Bring us to a higher conception of spiritual need, and may we experience soul peace, which is heavenly and divine. Clothe us with the dignity of truth, faith, and hope; impress us that there is nothing that ranks above being a good, upright man. O spirit of God, rest upon our fellow citizens throughout our land. Help them to suppress intolerance, wrath, and hatred; deliver them from false and ignorant criticism. Bless all schools and churches; may they be united in the noble task of spreading that gospel which flowed from the lips and fell from the hands of the Master. In His name. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 10, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, spirit of counsel and truth, as we come before Thee we would veil our eyes. We rejoice that the sunset of yesterday was only an incident on the way to another day's dawn. Refresh us, O Lord, and send us forth at Thy command to be of larger service to mankind. Touch that hidden spring where life finds its source of excellence. We pray that all trusts may be administered in the fear of God and in the love of man. Be pleased to remember our Speaker and the Congress. Help us all to hold to some eternal principles which are unchanging in their values. Nourish us with a great faith and help us to pass over petty obstacles and paralyzing fears. Father, do Thou bless the assemblage of the Red Cross. It penetrates the gray light of affliction and melts the dull bounds of human suffering. We pray that our generation may thus practice intensely the rule of Jesus. In His name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, through twilight, midnight, and all time, Thou dwellest in the largeness and liberty of the spiritland. May the stars from the brow of Thy holy Son shine upon us that our hearts may be joined to Him. We pray Thee to grant us glimpses of light, some sure foretokens that shall make us patient and confirmed in trust against all fears. Be thou the bread of life to our hunger and the water of life to our thirst. We beseech Thee to substitute Thy power for our weakness, Thy righteousness for our sin, and Thy loyalty for our rebellion. Bless all patriots who have consecrated their powers and endeavors to the welfare of man. Blessed Lord, make our country's destiny deep and true, and may Christian brotherhood be like a shaft of white light from sea to sea. O sacred spot for all lovers of human freedom, we pray that here the Golden Rule may ever be the voice of God sounding across the years. In the adorable name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1937

Almighty God, Thou hast laid upon us the solemn trust of another day. Establish Thou the work of our hands by guiding us by Thy wisdom and by the justice of Thy judgment. Let Thy gracious blessing rest upon our President and all his counselors; may Thy spirit abide in the midst of them. Heavenly Father, the world is pausing today in tribute to their majesties, King George and Queen Elizabeth. Grant, O Lord, to preserve them in health and prosperity throughout the future years. We pray that the ideals which they symbolize may live on in peace and good will over a prosperous and God-fearing people. Breathe upon them that sacred ambition which shall bring in its train all earthly good. Do Thou strengthen the ties of confidence and friendship between Columbia and Britain. May they live together in the spirit of humanity and walk in undivided ranks. In a broad, generous, Godlike spirit, do Thou solidify the peoples of all creeds and races into one great family, without hatreds and contentions, and may the whole earth rest in peace and see the salvation of our Lord, and Thine shall be the glory, through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1937

Merciful God, our thoughts go out to Thee in gratitude for this glorious spring day, a token of Thy presence and continued care. Thou art full of compassion and long suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth. Turn again unto us and give Thy strength unto Thy servants. Help us, O Lord, to live strong, pure, and generous-hearted lives in the complicated relationships of these days. We pray that the strong may not oppress the weak, nor the rich the poor. Let peace and harmony prevail among us, and do Thou diminish the things that make for discord and increase the things that make for cooperation. Give us to understand that mutual aid is essential to personal success and public service. Open our hearts to sweet friendships, our minds to new truths, and our souls to the inflowing spirit. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1937

Almighty God, who doth encompass the earth, the sea, the sunset, and star, we feel that still beyond these there is something that urges us to bow and pray. Heavenly Father, make us increasingly satisfied that there is a divine side to human life and that our prayers are wafted to that source from which all blessings flow. In the tragic darkness of Calvary the supreme, quieting, and healing word from the holy lips of our Saviour was "Our Father." We rejoice that the falling sparrow is a signal for His regard, that He cheers the infirm and heartens the weary and the discouraged. We beseech Thee to inspire us with the spirit of brotherly love. May patriotism and statesmanship ever be in the ascendancy. O crown us with the calm of that soul life which Thou dost give to all who trust Thee. Be Thou our staff to help us up to the mount of God. Wash our hearts

and hands that they be clean of all stains. We pray that our paths may never be strewn with shattered ideals or with the wreckage of noble purposes; and Thine shall be the glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1937

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God.

LET US HEAR THE CALL OF THE ETERNAL and catch the echo of our dreams and aspirations. Thou who art the giver of all good make this day what it ought to be, an opportunity for self-dedication and high devotion to the public service. Arise, O God, and maintain Thine own cause, for glorious are Thy works, and Thy thoughts are very deep. As nothing can perpetually endure that denies the brotherhood of man, let our zeal be in seeking to increase the kingdom of God in human hearts and homes. O Divine Breath, come from behind lifeless matter, energy, and sin and breathe upon our wills, ideals, and hopes and make them live. Grant, our Heavenly Father, to preserve the health and the strength of our Speaker and the Congress; and may we receive the blessing of Almighty God and the approval of our fellow men. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1937

LET THANKSGIVING BE OUR PRAYER, HEAVENLY FATHER, for the arms of Thy strong care shall be round about us. They that put their trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which shall not be moved, but standeth forth forever. Blessed be the Lord our God of Israel, which only doeth wondrous things. Our blessings are countless; Thou hast prepared a bounteous table in our land. We pray that upon these shores Thy saving health may be known among all nations. Grant that large-minded, great-souled men and women shall bless it with an ever-widening horizon. Almighty God, we lift our grateful hearts to Thee; do Thou make them strong. Fortify us with courage that we may overcome vexations, annoyances, and harassing cares; deliver us, O Lord, from all things that blight and blur. May we lift our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our strength; our help cometh from the Lord. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, when we consider the work of Thy hands, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained, we tremble before the revelation of our littleness. Yet more than all Thy works or spheres of light is man, because Thou hast crowned him with glory and honor. We rejoice that we are linked to Thee by bonds stronger than death and greater than the glory of the ultimate skies. We pray that we may be brought nearer to Thee by the abundance of Thy love and by a sense of duty and obedience. Help us to realize life in its fullness—the flow of the emotions, the visions of the intellect, and the raptures of the spirit. We live in our Father's house with its unlocked treasures. Bless those who sacrifice

pleasure for the comfort of others and those who labor in the desolate and the wasted places of human life. Do Thou direct and harmonize the counsels of this honorable body. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1937

Heavenly Father everlasting, by searching we cannot find Thee out, nor understand the Almighty to perfection. We approach the light, but its source and glory we cannot measure. We pray that our footsteps may not be timid; give us the open way and the clear sky, where there is neither separation nor the night of mystery. Lead us to enter heartily and earnestly into the labors of this day; we trust that our hearts may be fresh and our visions clear; let the hours be consecrated to vigorous efforts and honest aims. With truth, honor, and manhood may we claim our goodly heritage. The Lord help us to live fine lives, to do our work well, and to exemplify the excellence of faith in God our Father. We beseech Thee to go before us in every temptation, in the way of every duty, and in the approach of every human problem. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 1937

Heavenly Father, who art above the cloud and beneath the clod, we rejoice that eternal love remains. Thou wilt show us the path of life. In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures forevermore. We thank Thee that Thou hast made the earth so bright; deeper and broader in the heart of all is Thy love. We pray Thee to evoke desires and aspirations in us that shall carry with them the measure of true manhood and the purest happiness of which we could dream. Bless our country with a wise and benevolent patriotism. May it grow in power and shine everywhere with the true light of Christian brotherhood. Heavenly Father, shadows so often darken our brightest hours. A heavy burden has fallen on a tender heart. We beseech Thee to let the loss work out the highest and the holiest good. At last may the years of separation be lost in a better world. Through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 24, 1937

Heavenly Father, our blessed Lord and the giver of all life, help us that we may live in the full fruition of faith. We pray that we may not measure ourselves by the narrow rules of time, but be content in the allotments of Thy holy providence. Upon those who have feeble faith or downward minds, or who are weary and anxious, let Thy divine influence rest. These blessings Thou canst give and wilt. Trust in the Lord at all times; pour out your hearts before Him. O God, we would enter into that larger liberty which is hidden in the secret place of the Most High. Faith is deliberate, patient, and tranquil, and herein is the source of our strength. O give us aspirations which are the breath of the divine and noble enthusiasms which give a charm to labor, a relish to daily toil, and a sweetness to rest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1937

BLESSED BE THE FATHER OF MERCIES and the God of all comfort. We praise Thee for the Lamb who taketh away the sins of the world. That we may be generous to the wayward, kind to the cruel, gracious to the unthankful, is to join hands with our divine Teacher. As we draw near to Thee, Heavenly Father, we pray that this day may assume a fresh meaning of responsibility. Merciful Spirit, be with us, that we may be exalted in understanding and fellowship and be enabled to avoid discord; thus we shall emulate and foster the spirit of concession, peace, and brotherhood. Rebuke us if we leave unexpressed the helpful words. O God, search our hearts and know our thoughts; and if there be any wicked ways in us, we beseech Thee to lead us in the way everlasting. By the law of mutual aid, may this suffering world be redeemed from its crushing poverty, ignorance, and shame. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1937

HUMBLY AND REVERENTLY we wait for the breath of God. Heavenly Father, we pause in memory of those who have passed on and have become a part of our Nation's life. Thou alone canst bring light out of darkness, give peace to the troubled soul, and heal the wounded heart. Comfort all those who are dear to them, by the bonds of kinship, with the radiant hope of immortality and eternal life. Blessed Lord, we rejoice that they are not lost who find the light of sun, the stars, and God. O do Thou inspire us to live good, noble lives, going up and down this world serving Thee, lifting human burdens, enriching society, bound by the cords of human love. We pray that each day may be a preparation for the larger life of tomorrow and at the last, songs of praises will we ever give to Thee. In the name of our glorified Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1937

LORD GOD OF WISDOM AND TRUTH, be with us today. Thine arm make bare and Thy righteous will be done. These moments, thus set apart, may we retire into the hushed depths of our own beings. Lead us to ponder Thy teaching and weigh the magnitude of our obligations as public servants. He hath showed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God. With our faces turned toward the light, may we be transfigured by the power of our great mission, believing that nothing can sully the standards of our high calling. Heavenly Father, in all our tasks we pray for Thy guidance. Stimulate us with great care and patience. With these virtues our labors can hardly prove vain. Blessed Lord, keep us in the love fold of the Good Shepherd. In His name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 1937

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we pray Thee to verify Thy promise unto us: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Give us renewed minds and hearts; create within us a right spirit; lead us beside still waters. Let Thy peace flood the depths of our thoughts where no fear can come. Almighty God, every corner of the earth is feeling the throb of the world's strife. Its treasure is being poured into the tragic hands of war and into the ragged laps of poverty. Lord God of Hosts, allow not the lights of heaven to be extinguished until there shall be none to rekindle them; the ritual of hate and magnified national selfishness mean inevitable doom. Teach men, O God, that the world is not to be saved by institutions but by the compelling desire of men whose souls have been quickened by the spirit of the Saviour of the world; may they have an overflow of light, justice, and brotherhood. Gracious Lord, be with our President, his official family, our Speaker, and every Member of the Congress. Especially be with our most distinguished Secretary of State. Hear our humble prayer for the dear Redeemer's sake. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1937

O THOU IN WHOM ARE OUR LONGINGS, HOPES, AND ASPIRATIONS, help us to approach Thee in the spirit of the Master. May we understand and assimilate His precepts and emulate His virtues. Almighty God, in the broad fields of endeavor, in the complicated conditions of these times, in the rush for wealth and power, the Lord God help us to realize our dependence upon Thee. Thy laws are imperative and perpetual in their obligations, and if we are to be saved it is through loyalty to the statutes which Thou hast ordained. We pray Thee to fill our hearts with brotherly love as we enter upon the labors of this day. Heavenly Father, blessings of good health, strength, and happiness upon our most capable Speaker. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, we pray that the silent ministry of Thy spirit may have a place in our thoughts; in quiet and in confidence may this fellowship be our strength today. Give us the help and the undergirding that we need, and we shall have but few distractions as we follow the path of duty. In burden bearing, in temptation, call us to the realities which abide—godliness, unselfishness, and the riches of a wholesome influence. These make up the splendor of character which gives the radiance of the divine to our actions. These will live when the god of covetousness and the chaff of worldliness shall be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

For the Redeemer's sake. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, Thou who art ever present to guide and to comfort, increase the faith and hopes which we feel in the temples of our souls. By these tokens grant that at the last we may merit the "well done, good and faithful servant." We thank Thee for the Voice that comes across the centuries to the hearts of all mortals, "Be of good cheer." An abiding sorrow has fallen upon us in the transition of a most notable Member. In the legislative halls of our Nation and as a distinguished son of a great Commonwealth, strong, upright, and aggressive, he served them with untiring zeal and devotion. Console his family with hopes and promises of a glorified, endless future, where the voice which was music to their ears, where the eyes which looked into their hearts and the arms which sustained them shall receive them and remain with them forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1937

HEAVENLY FATHER, today and in the days to come be within our memories and in our hopes. We thank Thee for Thy unwearied care in watching over us. Touch our lives helpfully that they may be gladdened and strengthened for true and patriotic service. We pray Thee to give us clear vision, clear perception, and the impulse of a wise purpose. Once more our hearts are bowed in sorrow. Death again has come into our midst and made short a career of vital usefulness to our country. He gave his best to his generation and a good name was the jewel of his soul. He has heard the call; he entered through the gates where no evil thing can find a home. Uphold and sustain the stricken family, assuage their grief, and comfort their sorrows. We praise Thee that earth's darkness vanishes before the golden floods of sunlight, radiating from the glorified tomb of our Saviour. In His name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1937

The Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee. Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness, because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before my face.

LIVING UP TO THY RULE OF RIGHT, may we come to a growing faith in the God of our fathers. Heavenly Father, without whom nothing is pure and enduring, may our light so shine before men that they, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father in heaven. We earnestly beseech Thee that a halo of Thy presence may be thrown over our country, and may our citizens shake themselves loose from the yoke of the tyrannies of injustice, lawlessness, and selfishness. Proclaim the voice of Thy eternal truth that changes not, and teach us to love mercy and to walk humbly with Thee. Forgive our follies and our crimes, and may we hear the conclusion of the

whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1937

Heavenly Father, we entreat Thee to guide these, Thy servants and the Representatives of a great people, through the remaining hours of this day. In all deliberations we pray that the Congress may be wise, just, and efficient in statesmanship. Bring us all to listen to the Evangel of Nazareth, whose purpose is to bring men into the unity of brotherhood. Help us to seek Him more diligently, and thus free ourselves of selfish and ignoble desire. Grant, our Father, that peace and loyalty to our institutions may prevail throughout every State in the Union. By our works and examples may we inspire faith, hope, and devotion to the Republic round every fireside and in every schoolroom in all our land. Thine shall be the glory. Through Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1937

When thy father and thy mother forsake thee, then the Lord will take thee up. We praise Thee, Heavenly Father, for this immortal care, which has its cradle in the heart of Almighty God; it gives strength to the weak and encouragement to the erring. Impress us that to know the duty of the hour is wisdom and to discharge our obligation to our country is a great virtue. Help us to give forth today a message of faith and good cheer, and grant us, O Lord, the courage to labor as we understand. We kneel at the altar of our souls and pray. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us and lead us in the way everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1937

Eternal God, our Father, whose temple is all space and whose inspiration makes life dear, we thank Thee for our Republic. We praise Thee for its traditions and for its sacred institutions. Through the sacrifices of our fathers, whose chivalry challenges the admiration of the world, they have come down to us. The Lord God help us to keep the trust, revere the truth, and honor Thy decrees. We thank Thee for the flag of our country. In song and in story may it be celebrated today in city, hamlet, and countryside. We pray that its beauteous folds may fly high, telling of the onward sweep of truth and right. In the troubled centers of our homeland, rocked by the cries and haunts of wearied men, we pray that Dives and Lazarus may be brought together and each claim the right to help the other. In the spirit of the Prince of Peace, may our national ensign, with its celestial white, its sacrificial red, and with its stars of Thy providence, shine like a rainbow in every storm cloud of strife and trouble, and Thine shall be the glory. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1937

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER OF EVERY AGE, we thank Thee for the endless stretch of Thy wonderful love. We rejoice in the wideness of Thy mercy, along whose ocean shore lines there are no ill-fated travelers. Help us to come to full self-realization it is neither meat nor drink but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Earth's richest attainment and Heaven's highest vocation is to make a life rather than a living. It will be a sad day for our age when material wealth outruns spiritual gain. Merciful Lord God, clothe us with the vestments of brotherly and consecrated activity, and we shall find ourselves nearer the perfect ideal. Look with divine favor upon our President, our Speaker, the leaders, and the whole membership of the Congress. We pray Thee to stir every impulse that makes for wise statesmanship and safeguards the happiness and contentment of our fellow citizens. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1937

EVER BLESSED LORD GOD, as the mind and the soul are the standards of man, we pray Thee to make this day an opportunity to serve, to learn, and to grow. By fidelity to common duty, by diligence in well-doing, help us to deepen our capacity for more extended usefulness. Father of mercies, do Thou say to any who may be of a fearful heart, "Be strong and of good courage." It is Thy challenge to the spirit of fear. Save us, O God, from the fear that is born of guilt or cowardice, and may it never cause us the shame of failure. We praise Thee that in every time of human need there is a hand stretched toward us—the hand that fashioned the stars and holds them in their sockets. Be with any ill or afflicted Members. May they view the high rock amid the waves and hail the dove in the deluge.

We pause! Wherever there is a listening soul, there Thou art. A Member, with a springtime soul, earnest and beloved, has passed behind this changing veil to that which does not change. We pray that the arms of a loving Father may be round the grief-stricken, forward-looking loved ones. Soothe them, O God, with the lyrics of the heavenly life. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, infinite in power and love, dwelling in light unapproachable, hear our humble prayer. Help us to nourish good thoughts, forward the generous impulse, follow the upward-seeking desire, and starve the roots of bitterness and resentment. We pray Thee to let the words of a righteous and redeeming God sound forth in all our land. Bright with the morning glow of eternity, may they ever be a lamp unto our feet and a guide unto our path. Let them echo and resound where anger sweeps through the multitude. Give them irresistible appeal where men are convulsed in the throes of perilous conflict.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding. The gain is better than silver and the profit more than gold. Length of days are in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor.

In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER OF ALL MERCIES, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindnesses to us. Grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices and that in Thy light we may see light and in Thy straight path we may not stumble. Grant that this day we may fall into no sin and all our doings may be righteous in Thy sight. Blesseth is the man that maketh the Lord his trust. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1937

WE PRAY THEE, O LORD, OUR GOD, to vouchsafe to us that which we need. Our Father, search the hidden sin and forgive, the unuttered grief and give grace to bear. Our experiences are different, yet we are united in a common infirmity and by a common need; do Thou let us hear the whisper of the Most High; our hope is in Thy everlasting bounty. We pray that our hearts may beat to that greater measure of that greater heart of which we are only fragments. We praise Thee for the eternal promise: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Almighty God, bless and preserve in safety the American youth of our land which is in our midst. May the light of Thy truth shine in growing brightness upon them. Blessed Lord God, shelter and keep them in the knowledge of Thy teaching. We pray that they may be prepared for clean, courageous, and patriotic citizenship. Make our fathers and mothers grandly conscious of their responsibility for the sake of our homes, our churches, and our country. For the love of Thy only Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, who givest us the blessings that make life joyous and rich, we acknowledge with grateful hearts Thy goodness and mercy. As Thou art the author of truth and wisdom, we entreat Thy most gracious mercies upon our President, our Speaker, and all Members of this legislative body. We beseech Thee to bestow upon them enduring health, strength, and grace. O come, Eternal Presence, and create within our souls a vital, strong, religious life; make convictions deep about the overshadowing and the all-embracing God, until we shall experi-

ence an irresistible urge after the finest and richest things to which the immortal soul can attain.

Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, without whose guidance our labor is useless and our search is vain, draw near to us. We ask Thee to invigorate our counsels and direct our inquiries that by due diligence and discernment we may be wise unto the claims our country has laid upon us. We pray Thee to lift us above all suspicion and distrust and hallow our deliberations with Thy blessing. Do Thou inspire us with high standards and wholesome ideals which will deepen our desire for purity, unselfishness, and sincerity. May we labor with singleness of heart as those who realize that their tasks are measured by the years. Our Heavenly Father, may the humblest cottage and the commonplace things of human life stand forth in the victory of day where the shadows are doomed because the light has come. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR FATHER, we praise Thee that we are involved in a moral order which Thou hast ordained. We thank Thee that Thy changeless goodness pours itself upon us day by day. Gracious Lord, we rejoice in the ultimate triumph of civilization in that spirit which moved our forefathers to lift the veil of this western world. Their heroic, sacrificial devotion startled mankind no less than the principles they proclaimed. We pour at Thy altar a prayer of thanksgiving for the government they gave us—so lofty in its purpose, so wise in its construction that it guarantees to every citizen life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We thank Thee for the immortal document, the Declaration of Independence, broad in its denunciation of injustice and just in its declaration of the right. O Prince of Peace, on Thee we base our hopes and longings for all that makes life dear. Increase our religious fervor and inspire us with holy patriotism that the genius of our Republic may be fulfilled. In Thy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER UPON EARTH, who has committed unto us the solemn trust of the public service, keep us deeply conscious of our responsibilities. Direct us with Thy most gracious favor and further us with Thy continued help. We pray Thee to give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful. Day by day enable us to

show forth Thy praise in our behavior by walking before Thee in truth and righteousness. We entreat Thee, blessed Lord, at the beginning of these days, that we may free ourselves of irritations, impatience, and worries, and thereby extend our spiritual frontiers and enlarge the boundaries of our understanding. Thou Holy One, our Passover, may we remember Thee with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth; whosoever shall do Thy will the same is our brother. Merciful, gracious Lord, increase the strength and the number of our brotherhood. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 1937

O LORD OUR GOD AND OUR FATHER, from whom nothing is hid, cleanse our thoughts by the inspiration of Thy holy spirit. Help us to be free from all guile, and with firm and steadfast steps may we walk worthy of our vocation. Let Thy word be a lamp unto our feet. Love thinketh no evil. A soft answer turneth away wrath. Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. A good deed touches the hearts of men. God is love. We pray Thee, Heavenly Father, that we may treasure Thy teaching in our hearts. Bid us go forward to the things that make for contentment, peace, happiness, and good will. May they be accentuated in the home, State, and Nation, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name. Under all the conflicting circumstances of public and private life we pray Thee to help us quit ourselves like men. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1937

O LORD GOD OF HOSTS, may we feel Thy presence with the joy of elevated thoughts. Grant unto us a sense of dependence upon Thee, a desire to know Thy laws, and the spirit to obey them. We pray for a guiding faith that works by love. To those who are bearing heavy burdens, to those who are under sharp cares, minister unto them that faith by which they shall receive help and good cheer. Almighty God, in the presence of our country's need, by the splendor of the teaching of the Master, may quiet prevail, problems be solved, and contentment spread throughout our land. We pray Thee to touch men's better natures; stir the pools of their hearts that we may be as one household. O Spirit of God, burn in our national consciousness peace among men and mutual aid, which are our throbbing hopes. Heavenly Father, an associate, a dear friend, and a godly man has left us. He loved and followed the good, the pure, and the true. We pray for the richest blessings of Thy presence upon his devoted loved ones. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1937

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD, whose delight is in them that fear Him and put their trust in His mercy. We thank Thee for the infinite love revealed in the incomparable life and character of Thine only begotten Son. Help us, we pray Thee, our Father, to follow His example, that we may ennoble and dignify our daily conduct. Keep us very conscious of that joy which comes when His spirit hallows our industry and achievements. Bless all influences which inspire the arts of happiness and good will among men. Grant that the harmonies of union and concord may prevail throughout our country, and Thine shall be the praise. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1937

SPEAK TO US, O LORD GOD, for in these moments we are so defenseless. Out of the depths of our sorrow we cry: Thou art our refuge and strength and a very present help in trouble. Heavenly Father, while life is a great adventure, whatever we do help us to be true to God and duty. We praise Thee for the joy of living and for the hopes and promises for its continuance beyond the timeless centuries. We pray that we may be in preparation for that eternal haven where conflict and struggle, wonder and mystery are over and they who have trod the earth in labor and in pain are now walking the highways of the City of God. Heavenly Father, a statesman who served his State and Nation with distinction and fidelity has fallen, clothed in his armor of renowned leadership. Our heavy hearts pause at the mercy seat of prayer; our cup of sorrow is so full; he was our friend, our neighbor, and brother. Encourage us to go forward that we may fulfill our destiny and enter upon that higher life as servants of the Lord. O comfort her in whose breast there is such an unspeakable void and give her great peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who dost uphold all things by the breadth of Thy power, we beseech Thee that our prayer may reach the Father's heart. So manifold are Thy providences that surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. Thy presence forsakes us never and Thy care is the home of the soul. May we be minstrels of the Most High with our breasts attuned at the source of all melody and all hope. May we serve Thee and our country by loving one another, by exercising patience with one another, and by bearing with one another. Bring to us a divine blessing that shall lead us soul deep in appreciation of our Republic, which gives freedom to the oppressed and where institutions are united to succor our fellow men. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1937

O God, Father Almighty, at whose word night yields to day, be Thou our guide and we shall fear no ill. We rejoice that when we draw near to Thee, change and vicissitude pass away and the sense of security and stability brings us peace. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee that life is ever lord of death, and love can never lose its own. O Thou Holy One of God, despised and slain, may we dwell with Thee in Thy secret place and abide under Thy shadow. As Thy children, help us to go forth with brave hearts. Inspire us with a triumphant faith that sees through doubt, endures through temptation, and whenever fortune frowns, trusts Thee. Blessed Lord, we thank Thee for life; it is very brief, it is very grand, very sacred, and of infinite value, because it is the good gift of a good God. We pray in the name of our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 19, 1937

Merciful God, our Heavenly Father, as we pause in prayer at Thy mercy seat may we hear Thee in conscience and in the dictates of a higher selfhood. Quicken our souls, for the best influence in all this world is a spiritualized manhood. We pray that by vision and by virtue we may be a voice for the oppressed, the suffering, and the sinning. Give us, we entreat Thee, a truthful knowledge of ourselves for the freshening of our ideals and for the answers of our fevered questions. Help us, we beseech Thee, for we are compounds of weakness and of strength, and the difficult task is to separate the bad from the good, the wise from the unwise. May this day be the beginning of a week of earnest living and earnest doing. Abide with our President, our Speaker, and the Congress, and be in all their counsels. Thine shall be the praise. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 1937

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks; yea, unto Thee do we give thanks; righteous art Thou and true is Thy judgment. Teach us the way of Thy statutes and give us understanding, and may our delight be in Thy commandments. As servants and representatives of a great people, may we draw near to Thee for wisdom and fresh inspiration. Humble and grateful we are, yet wondering, we pray, that we may be very sure of our faith in Thee and in ourselves. Today give us the accent of valor, faith, and independence in our deliberations. Persuade us, our Father, of Thy divine tenderness and goodness. When problems press, when labor seems hard, help us to be calm and confident and not forget that Thou art ever near. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1937

GRACIOUS GOD, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, incline our hearts to do Thy will. We thank Thee for sustaining faith and for the star of hope. We praise Thee for our Republic. Its genius assures every citizen the right to think his own thoughts, to enjoy the fruits of his own labors, and to worship according to the dictates of his own conscience. We pray Thee that we may ever hold sacred these inalienable rights and guard them against all intrusions. We ask Thee, our Father, to help us cherish them in the teaching and in the spirit of our most holy faith. May we harmonize our thoughts with Thy thoughts, our ways with Thy ways, and submit our wills to Thine. Clothe us each day with the spirit of the golden rule: All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, source of all wisdom and truth, we pray that we may approach Thee with renewed confidence and faith in the things that make for righteousness and purity. Do thou inspire us with broad, comprehensive views of life. Thou hast given us Thy holy law to guide, enlighten, and admonish us. Grant, O Lord God, that we may not break its bands asunder or cast away its cords. Let us seek the integrity of soul that shall preserve us from all evil. Blessed be Thy holy name for all the tokens of Thy presence, for the power Thou dost give to Thy truth, and for the inspiration to labor which Thou dost breathe into all true hearts. May the Master, the revelation of divine love, be our personal ideal; thus may we work for the good of our country, softening misfortune and hastening the better day. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 1937

O THOU WHO ART OUR LIFE AND LIGHT, we pray Thee to come through the deep blue vault of Thy eternal dwelling place and hear our prayer. Be Thou with us, urging us to find and use our best powers; blend our beings with Thine and make us one with Thee. We praise Thee for the Voice proclaiming, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." By kindly word and brave example may we be a most helpful influence in the lives and homes of men. Impress us more and more with the sacredness of our tasks. O that every possessor of wealth and every wielder of power and authority would kneel at the altar of our God and pray: "Thy kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven." O lift the curtain of our country and show Thyself good and just. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 26, 1937

O Thou who art the Father of us all, may we be loyal to the truth we know and faithfully follow the way that commends itself to our conscience. Make us chaste in our speech and pure in our desires, and let us live in the gentle light which breaks from the cross of the crucified One. Take us, our Father, into Thy care and keeping; bless our Speaker, the leaders, and all the Members of the Congress. We pray Thee that Thy spirit may direct them through all the problems that may arise. O let us feel the strength borne of struggle and the peace wrested from trial. As we again set forth upon our labors, may our spirits be in tune with the joyous and the good, for the world is full of music if we only have music in our hearts. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1937

Almighty God, Thou who hast set man and the universe in their order, we rejoice that we are not victims of time or space. We praise Thee, even though veiling fogs may shut out the stars, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. Heavenly Father, look into our hearts and fill them with love toward our fellow men and keep us faithful to truth. Clothe us, we pray Thee, with a very fine sense of honor, fidelity, and self-sacrifice. Do Thou make us strong of mind and clear in purpose. Gracious Lord God, may our people be obedient, God-fearing, and law-abiding, and hasten the day of Christian brotherhood in all the earth. We pray in the name of our blessed and glorified Redeemer. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1937

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning and Thy faithfulness every night. O Lord God, how great are Thy works, and Thy thoughts are very deep. Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Heavenly Father, give us that bread that shall feed the heart, enrich the mind, and grant us forgiveness when we are blind to the common treasures of this world. We pray Thee to keep us conscious of our birthright, that our acts and aims may be filial and fraternal and loyal to our Lord and Master. Guided and guarded by Thy presence, may this day be filled with peace and cooperation, and forbid that we should judge others hastily or uncharitably, and Thine shall be the praise. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1937

HELP US, O GOD OF OUR SALVATION, for the glory of Thy name's sake; deliver us and purge away our sins. Let Thy light break forth as the morning and let Thy righteousness go before Thee. O let us hear the word of the Lord. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord and who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. Heavenly Father, do Thou help us to live so earnestly and so nobly that we shall prove our title now to all our hopes and dreams. We entreat Thee, blessed Lord, to be graciously near our afflicted Members; may they lean on Thee for returning health and strength. Bless their firesides with good cheer. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, 1937

THOU, O LORD, shall endure forever, and Thy remembrance unto all generations. Of old Thou hast laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. We pray Thee, our Heavenly Father, that our love may be without dissimulation; may we abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good. O let us magnify the Lord and exalt His name together. O gracious Lord and Saviour, we praise Thee that light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. So lead us with Thy spirit that in our homes we may be devoted and patient, in our social relations brotherly, in our deliberations just and wise, and in all things meet Thine approval. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1937

BOW DOWN THINE EAR AND HEAR US, O LORD. Thou art good and ready to forgive and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Turn unto us and impart Thy wisdom unto Thy servants; pardon our sins and give grace and tranquillity born of trust. Heavenly Father, life is so real and so full of purpose that we pray Thee to root and ground us in the precious realities of faith and character. Let us be reminded of the divine sovereignty and not forget that eternity has been set in our hearts. O come, Almighty God, speak peace to the nations and dominate the stormy waters; O sit on the water floods and overrule them, we pray Thee. Preserve the health and strength of our President, our Speaker, the Members, and all others associated with this historic Chamber. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1937

AGAIN, O LORD, Thou hast remembered Thy tender mercies and loving kindnesses; open Thou unto us the gates of Thy righteousness and may we go into them. We thank Thee for Thy promise: if any man lack wisdom, let him ask Thee; no true seeker shall miss this saving truth. We pray Thee that we may deaden self and thirst for the right and stand forth with the first-born sons of light. Open our minds to the truth and help us to understand Thy gracious will. O Immanuel, Son of God, be a light within us this day; give us strength, courage, and grace for its duties. We pray Thee to bring us all into harmony with Thee and make us worthy of that universe of light of which Thou art the center. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 1937

IN OUR PRAYER, MERCIFUL FATHER, we desire to be consciously grateful for Thy daily blessings. We pray for that inward peace that can sustain us in our labors and conflicts with our difficult tasks. Keep our tongues free from severity, and may we be generous in deed and considerate in manner. If clouds cluster about our star of hope, we entreat Thee to arm us with self-restraint and rare wisdom. We pray that we may be alive to every national movement, to every murmur of sympathy, and to every cause of dissent. Again, gracious Lord, our hearts vibrate to the promptings of human sorrow. An honorable Member responds not to his name; his seat is vacant; he will meet with us no more. Heavenly Father, be with the family circle and comfort them with Thy ministry of peace and reconciliation. At the close of this day may we suffer no chills of neglected duty. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1937

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that quiet thought, quiet duty, and the freshness of a new day may steal upon us. Teach us a religion of brotherhood and forgiveness that touches the joy and beauty of human life; true merit lies in service and sacrifice to make the world better and happier. We pray Thee to confirm that which is good in us and rebuke that which is foolish and allow not evil desires to have dominion over us. Give us liberty, our Father, from all fetters and help us to stand erect for the truth and right. As we tread our pathways impress us that life means industry, bravery, and patience. At the last may it mean for us fullness of joy and a glorious sunset. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1937

BLESSED BE THOU, O LORD, OUR FATHER, by whose mercy we are permitted to greet the blessings of another day; at the altar of prayer accept our tribute of praise. Open our hearts to see the splendor of Thy law; make us seekers, examples, and lovers of Thy truth. Hide not Thy face from Thy servants, but bless them with the peace, purity, and joy of the Lord. O give us all visions and hours in the sacred things of God. Graciously be with all churches with their priesthood, with all schools with their teachers. Let Thy spirit work mightily in them that the things fair and perfect shall become possible. The Lord God be with the youth of our land. As parents may we be in haste to give them the best that we have and to do for them the best that we know. Heavenly Father, be Thou the center and the theme of our affections. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR FATHER, we pray Thee that we may cherish the greatest of gifts—a thankful heart. The emotion of gratitude is often too deep for words, only for expressive silence. We praise Thee that every blessing is a mercy from Thy bountiful hand. Inspire us to respond to Thy generous earth—the radiant, vitalizing sky with its manifold treasures of light and darkness. Thou hast greatly enriched the world with the river of God. Gracious Lord, life at times seems hard, unfair, and its claims excessive, but we rejoice that beneath all there is One eternally good and just. We pray Thee that our spiritual natures may not be dimmed either by disobedience or indifference. O Thou who takest away the sins of the world, assure us that we are not forsaken but forgiven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 1937

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O JEHOVAH, FATHER, and give ear to our supplication. May the beauty of the Lord God be upon us and may life become stronger and richer as the days go by. We pray Thee to make the questions of duty clear to our reason and help us to accept the wisest persuasions of our understanding. Enlarge our trust in that better self which beckons us on and bless us with a large and a more wholesome life. May we resolve that we shall be patient, steadfast, and kindly, and, above all, may we not forget that life means giving and not withholding. Our Father, in a world of mingled good and evil, amid a ceaseless struggle of right and wrong, keep us subdued and in accord with Thy will by the discipline of Thy redeeming government. Finally, may we enter into the secret place of the Most High. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1937

Eternal God, thanksgiving and praise be unto Thee. Thou hast crowned Thyself with the immortal name of Father. We thank Thee for the common bounty of Thy providence; Thy arms protect us and Thy voice calls us. They fill us with rest, with inspiration, and with hidden strength. We pray Thee to write hope, good cheer, and cooperation with sunbeams on the foreheads of these days. Inspire us to work for the good and dismiss the ill. May we labor in the spirit of a great faith and conscious consecration, with the assurance that our labors will be accepted before Thee and live in the richer life of our country. O Saviour of the world, be in our hearts, our homes, our schools, our churches, and our State, and let peace reign everywhere with olive branch and dove. Heavenly Father, vouchsafe Thy loving presence unto our President, our Speaker, and the whole membership of the Congress. Blessings of happiness and good health upon our separated loved ones. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1937

Infinite God, we praise Thee for the manifold revelations which Thou hast made of Thyself and for the promises and hopes they inspire. But Thou art our Father and we are Thy children, and Thou wilt surely hear us when we call and answer us when we pray. We thank Thee that the last word has not been spoken and the last revelation has not been made. We pray Thee that we may hear Thy voice and feel Thy holy presence. We ask Thee, blessed Lord, not for the perishing things of time but for the continued power and disposition to enjoy Thee and for a faith that never wavers and for a hope that never grows dim. Imbue us plenteously with fortitude, patience, forbearance, and brotherly love, that we may meet the obligations of the day and quit ourselves like men, to the honor of our country. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1937

Most gracious Father, whose blessings outnumber the sands of the sea and the stars that reflect the glory of the heavens, hear our prayer. We thank Thee for another day, with its opportunity of service; surely we are enfolded in Thy bosom and live by Thy mercy. Thou, who are the Comforter of the ages, from the recesses of Thy love let Thy blessings flow. O remember those who live in clouds of affliction and all those who are tried and entangled by the relationships of life. Draw near to those who are drifting as upon a sea in the darkness of an unstarred night. O temper the spirit of antagonisms. Teach us how to be happy and responsive and how to make friends by being friendly. May the Congress be attended by Thy grace and wisdom; the laws of our land, may they be faithfully executed; the affairs of state wisely administered; and may prosperity continue to bless our people; and Thine shall be the praise. In the name of our glorified Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1937

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, early in the morning our prayer shall rise to Thee. The whole creation is burdened with the exuberance of Thy life and everywhere is hallowed ground. Heavenly Father, when brazen doubt comes, and when temptations assail we need Thee so; we pray for mastery and joy in difficulty. With supreme faith may we cast our bread upon the waters. Lead us to the magical streams that are replenished from above, and with serenity may we face the future. Out of the depths of our being we pray Thee, blessed Lord, to deal availingly with the stupidity, the madness, and the infernal power of war where it is raging in its fiercest and its most monstrous form. Do Thou crown with the greatest wisdom our President and all others who are clothed with him in authority. May our beloved country remain the guardian of the world's peace and honor, and forbid that its spirit should ever again be fired with the frenzy of war. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, from whom all thought of truth and fraternity proceed, kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all the true love of Christian brotherhood. Guide with Thy unerring wisdom the Congress as it takes counsel today; we pray Thee to strengthen the bonds of cooperation among all Members. May it strive wisely to order all things according to Thy holy will and for the peace and contentment of our whole country. Gracious Lord, consider our land; preserve its unity and bless it with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure religion. May our fellow citizens everywhere earnestly desire and more diligently seek the fruits of righteous living and uphold the standards of law and order. Heavenly Father, disappoint all fears, steady all hearts, and show us the way of service in our Saviour's name. Amen.

Second Session

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1937

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, Thou coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. Thou stretchest out the heavens like a curtain. The Lord shall reign forever, even Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. O Jehovah, open our eyes that we may see. We look to Thee for that guidance which only Thou canst give. Do Thou lift us upward and onward toward brotherhood and cooperation. With receptive minds and hearts may we resume the labors of the Congress. In the throng of doubts and temptations which may assail, may we possess firmness of virtue. Pour cleansing and forgiveness upon us and inspire us to live in accordance with some noble creed. We pray Thee, our Father, to give Thy unerring counsel to our President, our Speaker, and all Members; graciously abide with all officers and employees. Almighty God, do Thou exalt everything that magnifies the honor and the wisdom of our Republic. O let faith in the future shine clear and bright. In the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1937

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, Thou who dost from Thy throne behold Thy earthly children, we praise Thee that we are still folded in Thy memory. We do not ask Thee to be spared from urgent duty, but for grace and wisdom to meet it with unfaltering step. We pray Thee to keep our hearts pure, our lives clear and more beneficent. O Father of deathless love, bless all our hearthstones, for there is nothing more beautiful than the heavenly triumph of loving hearts. Infinite God, lift the curtain of the world and show Thyself a God of justice, judgment, and full of mercy toward those who suffer; let us hear the notes of a better world coming into light. Grant, O Lord and Master, that brotherly love may walk unchallenged among us. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1937

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1937

WE THANK THEE, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, that Thou hast made it easy to believe in Thy love and mercy. We unveil the cross and behold divine love struggling for expression. Do Thou increase the power of our faith and trust. We are fashioned and shaped by the things we love and serve. Somewhere in the secret of every soul is the hidden gleam. O kindle it anew that it may flame forth into better lives. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace. Blessed Lord God, whatever breeds bitter things and hardens the human heart, wherever poison stalks in human veins, O Son of Man, come with all Thy quickening power and show Thyself as Lord over all. In Thy holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, as we wait at the altar of prayer, may we harken unto Thy word. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandments of the Lord are pure, enlightening the eyes. We pray Thee, our Father, to let Thy truth touch the energies of our natures. Convert them into deep resolution, growing self-control, industry, and devotion to duty. We praise Thee for Thy countless providences which save, shelter, and redeem men. May we drink of the spirit of the Master, share His purity, and do good as He did. Grant that we may take counsel together and walk in this Chamber as brothers. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1937

BLESSED LORD AND SAVIOUR, in the heart that knows Thy love is a sacred temple and all selfish voices die away at its threshold. We pray Thee to let the touch of Thy spirit be upon us and grant that hearts may be filled with love because we have trusted in Thy holy name; set our manhood in perfect poise with Thy will and endow us with the fortitude of brave men; keep us from submission to lower impulses. Heavenly Father, as life is a sacred trust, so splendid and urgent, we pray that the unaccomplished mission of our great calling may be to bring new-found happiness and contentment to all our people. Almighty God, we beseech Thee to turn this world away from battle and blood; O stop it from loving hate and hating love. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1937

Heavenly Father, be attentive unto our supplication. According to Thy name is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth. Bless us with the mercy of grateful hearts as we stand in the foreglow of our Thanksgiving Day. Let everything that is human and temporal be beautiful in the light of the Divine. Open the floodgates of our hearts and let a great tide of gratitude surge through our souls. We thank Thee for our Republic, which has not been thrown into medieval warfare, and we rejoice as we look over this turbulent earth that we are at peace and the happiest people under the skies. We praise Thee for our broad, fruitful acres, for the fountains that spring out of valleys and hillsides, and for bread without scarceness. Teach us, O Lord, that the essence of Christian heroism is to be good to the poor and the desolate. Richly bless those whose hearthstones have little left but the grey ashes of broken loves. O may their dawn be near the breaking. Preserve the health of our President and bestow upon the Congress rich and abundant blessings, and may we all hear the call of the higher music of God. For the dear Redeemer's sake. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1937

Eternal God, our Father, from whom all blessings flow, minister unto us today. Let us pass into that reasonableness and quietness which are so essential to our vocation. We acknowledge our weaknesses and imperfections and fervently beseech Thee to inspire us with the spirit of the Master, that we may deal with all problems in the light of understanding and wisdom. Widen our spiritual horizons and let us feel and hear the call to higher states of being and blessing. Impress us, blessed Lord, that true merit lies in personal effort and sacrifice to make our fellows better and happier. We pray for the eyes of vision and hope, for the arms of faith, and for the feet of obedience. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1937

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; that delighteth greatly in His commandments. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings for his heart is fixed.

Heavenly Father, be with us and overshadow us with Thy presence; rebuke any unholy desires and harmonize differences. Grant that there may be no reaction against large thoughts, helpful ideals, deep feelings, and heroic service. O Lord, remember us, and may we never forget the lesson of Thy truth—that we should increase the joy of others; that the strong should aid the weak; that the wise should counsel the inexperienced; and that the good life should lift up the fallen; thus we win victories which heaven celebrates. Lead us on, our Father, in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR FATHER, as we stand before Thee, may there be grace and beauty shining in our hearts. O Spirit of Truth, shine through, and may our upward look give courage to our earthward step. Strengthen us with the power of that faith which is essentially creative. Guard us with that wisdom which is more precious than gold, and bless us with those riches which give sweetness and nobility of soul. Into Thy tender and merciful care we commend our beloved Speaker and all Members of the Congress. We pray that the bonds of loyalty and friendship may be strengthened between all our fellow citizens. O bless all men, and may they be clothed in their right minds, and keep us in the way that leads to life everlasting. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1937

O THOU BLESSED AND HOLY ONE, who dost turn Thy countenance upon the upturned faces of Thy children, we pray that we may find in another day Thy wondrous providence. Give us, our Father, the vision to see the way where duty lies and fortitude to walk in its path. All hail the new humanity which comes marching to the melody of our Saviour's ever-growing kingdom; blessed day when the Golden Rule shall become universal. We praise Thee for the joy of living, for the day dawn and the evening hush, and for all the harmonies of Nature that surround our earthly life. May they speak to us in the witness of Thy Fatherhood. Keep our hearts in tune with the divine until we stand in the great forever of endless love and youth. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1937

OUR FATHER, Thou who art most human, yet most divine, Thy mercies are one unbroken succession; to Thee we lift our hearts of praise; let the beauty of the Lord be upon us. We pray that the vision splendid may flash out of the invisible; open Thou the windows of our spirits toward the unseen. Bless, we pray Thee, the President of these United States; return him to our homeland in renewed strength. Grant that the whole body of our citizens may obey its laws, and may peace prevail throughout our borders. Our Father, may we look for the best in others and give them the best we have; may we love the flower and not think of the blight. Thou, who art the God of the whole earth, let the heavens, the earth, and the sons of God unite in pleading for the fleeing, starving, and stricken refugees of war's hell of horrors. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1937

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, Thou changeless One, who art the eternal haven of the soul: Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee. Enable us to give Thee the chief place in our lives. We pray Thee to empty us of excessive selfishness and pride. May we be blest with pardon, grace, and tranquillity born of a supreme faith. Let us not fail of our exalted privilege in serving a great and patriotic people. By these sacred moments of prayer, may we be prepared to meet the duties of the day. With freshened vigor help us to be unafraid of the present, and support us with the courage of the future; touch us by the majesty of Thy power and wisdom. O giver of all mercies, lead our minds forward to graze upon the uplands of truth and feed them upon the hilltops of the spiritual, and Thine shall be the glory. Through Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1937

WE DRAW NEAR TO THEE, OUR FATHER, not as unto a fearful and an avenging God but to One who is touched with a feeling of our infirmities. To everyone that heareth, and to everyone that will, the call is to life, hope, and joy. We thank Thee for the providence which has kept us through another night and for the miracle of dawning light flushing the east with the prophecy of day. We praise Thee for the fresh life coursing through our weakness and for the power to stand erect. We bless Thee for the noble men and women whose generous hearts have lit the altar fires of philanthropy in many a dark and desolate home. Hear our supplication, O Lord our God; all that is in the heaven and the earth is Thine. Riches and honor cometh from Thee, and Thou reignest over all. We therefore thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1937

DRAWN BY THE COUNTLESS MEMORIES OF THY MERCY, our Father, we seek these moments of prayer. Thou who art the font whence flow the cleansing streams of the higher life, be pleased to forgive us our sins. Do Thou preserve our going out and our coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Clothe us with that strength that comes from knowledge, conviction, and courage that we may stand for the right. Heavenly Father, when we live by rectitude, by justice, and by honesty, we are secure in the presence of temptation, pride, and false presumption. By example and precept may we be better men, better neighbors, and better citizens. We pray that the spirit of our Lord and Saviour may lift us above all littleness, all narrowness, and all untruth. In His holy name. Amen.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1937

INFINITE GOD, OUR FATHER, we pray Thee to receive us unto Thyself with fresh gratitude; be Thou unto us the One whom we delight to serve. Let us bring for Thy blessing our joys and sorrows, our failures and hopes, and all the prospects of life. Be with any who may be afflicted or distressed; minister unto them with the morning comfort of Thy love. Bless us, our Heavenly Father, with thoughts so beautiful and so ennobling that even amid the perplexities of daily labor we shall be conscious of the knowledge of satisfaction trembling in our breasts. Open the gates of life to those who endeavor to be faithful to every trust. We pray Thee to lighten the skies of our country with the radiant color of good cheer, and may strife, poverty, and contention dissolve in the glow of brotherhood and cooperation. By all that is sacred in religion, by all that is revered in the thought of Thee, by all that is dear to every American heart may we be eager to go forward. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1937

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray in the name of our Saviour, who is not only the hope of glory but the spring of all moral influences; without Him we are weak, indeed. Endue us with that wisdom which casts out fear, that checks the feeling of shame and brings us to a place of confidence and encouragement. Bless, we pray Thee, all classes of our citizens—those who are most needy and ignorant and those who bear wrongs thrust upon them by others. We pray Thee to be with the youth of our land. May they grow up with faith in virtue, faith in truth, and faith in honor. Allow nothing, O Lord, to lead them away from a firm confidence in the power and happiness of personal integrity. Mercifully remember the Congress; may it administer its trust in the fear of God and with a true heart. Heavenly Father, may we believe in our country heartily and serve it unselfishly. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1937

OUR MERCIFUL HEAVENLY FATHER, it is out of the fullness of the divine heart that we receive the divine gifts; it is from Thy bountiful hand all our necessities come. We praise Thee with grateful hearts and with all the redeemed say: "Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto Him who sitteth upon the throne and unto the lamb forever and ever." We pray Thee, dear Lord, to bless all churches and institutions of learning. May their light be diffused throughout our land. By Thy providence Thou hast been merciful unto us. Take away, O Lord God, all distemperature of passion and pride and bring all together in the bonds of mutual respect and understanding. O let the pure light shine out of heaven and the impure light die out of the earth. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1937

Almighty and everlasting God, by searching we cannot find Thee out; we approach toward the light, but its source and glory we cannot measure. O let our prayer be the eternal within us, waiting at the gates of the invisible. Blessed Lord, brood over us as a loving, merciful presence as Thou didst when the morning stars sang together for joy over man's entrance into the family of God. Do Thou hold our hands, for so often we cannot see the way we should go; lead us that we may own no will but Thine. Grant that we may touch common toil and dignify it; meet weak and wearied people and help them and sanctify the hard and homely things of life. We earnestly pray Thee to help us to where the Master's mind is ours, where His ideals control, where His motives sway, and where all selfishness has lost its power to rule. In His holy name. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1937

O Thou who art the highest among all the sons of God, Thou whose advent is the testimony of the Father's heart to the eternal in man, keep our hearts open to Thee; let the divinest One be our wisest and most profound teacher. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." Father of mercies, we wait; renew our strength, create within us the right spirit, teach us to be quiet and listen. We pray Thee to go with us through temptation and deliver us from evil; may our daily labor be a song and not a strife. O God of might, purge from out this old earth brazen and false display of justice, and may the Lord of Life ride the tempest of this confused world. Blessed Lord, remember those who shed their tears where none can see and those who laugh to ease their aching hearts. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1937

O Thou whose dwelling is in the rising and the setting suns, let the calm and benediction of Thy mercy be upon us. Thou who art clothed with light, let us pass into Thy light; may it linger in our humanity, anchoring and guarding our purest thoughts. We pray Thee that we may hear within the melody of unuttered beauty, feel the untried strength and the unexpressed power. Stand beside us, our Father; let the vision come, radiant and clear, and may it minister to our wants and needs; allow not uncertainty and indecision to clutch at duty. We pray for the establishment of our great country in the strength of God; pierce through all trouble with the bright lights of faith and confidence. Blessed Lord, bid us look up and not down. There is a living picture hanging over time, proclaiming that goodness shall triumph, evil shall be exterminated, and Thou shalt seem lovely to every living thing. In our blessed Saviour's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1937

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose temple is all space, the Lord and breath of things unseen, we praise Thee for life's daily round with its repeated joys and familiar duties. Bless us all with the courage to pray: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." How blessed it is, our Father, to be faithful to our trusts, gifts, and opportunities. May we never let a day pass but we pray God to bless our flag. Grant that we may be right, judged by those supreme sentiments of the soul—faith, hope, and love; then our country shall listen and approve. Speak peace to every heart, strengthen the wavering, inspire any who may be discouraged. O Love Divine, bring forth light in every household where there is darkness and joy where there is sorrow. We pray in the adorable name of Jesus. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1937

GREAT IS THE LORD and greatly to be praised in the mount of His holiness. According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth. Thy right hand is full of righteousness. This God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death. Heavenly Father, as we look into the past may we most gratefully remember Thy manifold mercies which have been our perpetual accompaniment all the days of our lives. We thank Thee for the privilege of service and for the power of fitting ourselves into the needs of others. Nothing can lessen the worth of our holy faith as long as the religion of loving service endures. Blessed Lord God, as we stand in the foreglow of Mary's holy Child, fill us with the spirit of the Master—hating no one, but speaking and acting with good will toward all. Allow none who suffer to look to us in vain for the manifestations of His pure and lowly ways. In His name. Amen.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1937

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we bow before the throne of Him whose earthly life began with peace on earth, good will to men. He invested the child, the prodigal, and the poor with priceless worth. Blessed be the Lord God of our Saviour, who, according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope wherein we greatly rejoice. In the midst of earth's seething tides we lift our hearts to Thee. Pour forth Thy light and make the darkness visible, and let Thy holy mantle hover above the plains of night. O come anew to our land, sanctify all toil, right wrongs, heal grief and woe. Crown us all with the spirit of good will which makes good neighbors, good friends, and good citizens. O Star of the East, once again climb the midnight sky and again bless the world with the glad news of a Saviour born. In His name. Amen.

Third Session

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1938

O Thou art love, knowledge, and power over all; we bring to Thee our thanksgiving and praise. Thou hast disclosed the heart of the Eternal in the glory of the Advent; we bow our heads and hearts in humble gratitude; we wait at Thy footstool with the boldness of divine love. As the Congress has a vital part in shaping our country's destiny and even molding its fate, Almighty God, if ever we needed Thee, it is now. Bring us all into the solemn realization of our duty; reveal Thyself; may we be brave, pure, and true in those decisions that build up good government and make for the moral structure of the Republic. We beseech Thee to give the Congress power to reason rightly and justly for all our fellow citizens. May we stand forth in the fullness of humanity; when life and brotherhood meet, a radiant thing is born. Let the choicest gifts of Thy mercy be upon our President, our Speaker, and the entire membership. Infinite God, hover over this torn world with the word of Thy truth, with the magic of Thy love, and with the virtue of Thy cross, and save it with a peace that knows no war and with honest treaties that know no treason. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1938

May we recognize in Thee, Almighty God, a loving Father; inspire us with that trust which a child has toward his earthly parent. Do Thou keep very near us; cleanse us from all fear and arm us with that strength which is the shield of true manhood. Without presumption, without haste, and without confusion, may we keep the pathway of patriotic service. Grant that the claims of truth and brotherhood may abound in the presence of the divine Teacher. By distrust we fail; by faith we rise; by the vision of the false we become disobedient; by the vision of noble things we are made upright. Heavenly Father, we pray Thee, make us strong in understanding, of even temper, and full of hope, giving attention to wise manliness of stature and of true, heroic, worth before our fellow countrymen. In the name of the Master. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1938

NOT UNTO US, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake. The Lord hath been mindful of us and He will bless us. He will bless them that fear Him, both small and great; the Lord is merciful and gracious. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1938

GIVE EAR, O SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL, our souls waiteth patiently for Thee. Thou who are enthroned above the cherubim, stand forth and turn us again to Thee. Arise, O Lord, and lift up Thine hand and forget not the poor in their distresses. Open Thine heart and give attention unto their cries. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Heavenly Father, purity is the burden of Thy holy teaching. Let us seek purity of heart; let us seek for perfect sincerity; let us seek for a heart in which there is no evil desire to disturb and in which there is no room for evil design. Do Thou cleanse our hearts, that they may be innocent from the great transgression. May men everywhere be released from the power of temptation and from the coarseness of this world, and lift them up into the serene and transparent faith of the life that is to come. Hear our humble petition in the name of our Master. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 1938

THOU WHO ART THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, light for the morning, light for the noonday, and light for the eveningtide, help us to fasten our trust on truths which will bring ever-brightening triumphs. We pray Thee that we may have that vision of God which no man or nation can leave out. The whole universe is a temple of Jehovah; it throbs with the infinite presence of the Most High. May we see His hand of salvation and hear His voice proclaiming that justice, good will, and the rule of Jesus are the hope of the world. Almighty God, make us unafraid and fearless in the presence of criticism and opposition. Grant, our Father, that the present-day problems may challenge the resources of our Christian faith and courage. Instead of the thorn shall come the fir tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be unto the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1938

With a calm and undrooping gaze, O God, we would lift our eyes unto the hills; our help cometh from the Lord. Thy breath is breathed through all the universe; Thy name is love. Again Thou hast spread over us the mantle of rest and peace; we therefore praise Thee. Give us understanding, O Lord, that we may know Thy testimonies and incline our hearts to the words of Thy mouth. As we walk life's common ways, let courage and hope whisper to the lowliest soul; the Lord God remember the hearts that go hungering through the world. We pray Thee that we may possess much of the fervor and the divine bounty of our Saviour. Assure us that he that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth honor and that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor than silver and gold. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1938

Infinite God, out of the vastness of a Father's love let there come patience to still us, strength to help us, and faith to guide us. O love unmeasured, restrain us from making the downward step; in humility of soul and in the spirit of sacred awe may we touch the hem of Thy holy garment. Life's final achievement is to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. We pray Thee in these days as we turn the bend in our Nation's history to bless us with a strange power that shall enable us to set problems in their right relation. O wisdom of God, come throbbing in upon the present and unfold to us Thy long, long purpose for humanity. May our country be led into Thy righteous morning, and let all discouragements spend their sighs upon the night winds. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1938

Thou whose garments are the trailing clouds, whose throne is in the heavens, we rejoice that in Thee we move, live, and have our being. We pray Thee that we may have faith in our hearts and live with a vision. Thou who art the sum of all things conceivable in justice, purity, and truth brood over us; do Thou ever draw us toward knowledge, industry, and refinement. Grant, O Lord, that our fellow citizens may be patient. May they not live alone for material prosperity, but let the spirit of humanity prevail among all. In us let the divine One be born again and give power to every human faculty. Almighty God, heal the world's loud weariness; its shoulders ache beneath its heavy load. Come Thou, gracious Father, and bestow merciful blessings upon our Speaker, beloved, and all Members of the Congress. Day by day renew our strength and let Thy staff be our comfort. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1938

INFINITE SPIRIT, that which is seen is temporal; that which is not seen is eternal. O Master of the hidden power, be Thou our souls' desire. Do Thou build monuments of love in the hearts of men and reecho Thy soundless voice everywhere. Keep in our remembrance that life consists not in the abundance of things we possess. Grant, our Father, that we may so strive that others may be blest and cheered by the spirit and fruit of our labors. By faith do Thou lead us through doubt, endure temptation, and cleave steadfastly to Thee. As custodians of our Government, inspire us with courage, and may we rekindle confidence in the breasts of all faithless and mistaken men. O God, may self not seek its own delight, but through crowded and lonely places let us feel for all their biting strokes of need and want. We pray that our aspiration may be to conform our will to Thine, seeking no reward but of giving joy and happiness to others. In the name of our Elder Brother. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1938

OUR FATHER, author of the morning light, guardian through the darkness and the shadow of the night, be with us in the experiences of the day. Whatever may be our trial, give us the courage to stand without compromise for that which we believe to be true. Grant that the mists of uncertainty may be dispensed in the sunlight of a happy faith. Almighty God, we breathe out of our heart an earnest prayer for our Capital City; the circles of crime are dipping to murky depths. Be it according to Thy will to suppress the corrupting forces, lest they be instruments of immeasurable degradation. We pray that all righteous citizens may unite their powers to drain and cleanse the moral scrofula out of the dark channels of our city life. May they labor sleeplessly for her fair name and character. We thank Thee for our homelife; may it ever be a symbol to us of Thy beautiful household where Thy presence pervades. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 1938

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, whose influence is everywhere, make us susceptible to those qualities of soul that lead us to high spiritual attainments. Descend upon us in full measure that we may put into our daily lives those sublime principles enunciated in the Sermon on the Mount. Comfort us with that everlasting hope that encircles all. Give courage to the father in pursuit of his labor; strengthen the mother for her daily task. O Thou who art the architect and builder of the universe, the light and the life of men, the inspiration of every permanent movement, we beseech Thy richest blessings upon all our people. Grant that they may move onward to a better civilization. Let Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done in all our hearts, in the blessed Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1938

O magnify the Lord; let us exalt His name together, for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

O God, hide not Thyself from our supplication. Our Father, the inspiration of every good and great thought, empty us, we pray Thee, of all selfish and ignoble desires that we may discharge our manifold duties in Thy sight. Let Thy fatherly goodness be extended toward all the loved ones of this House. Those from whom we are separated, may they be kept from harm and danger. The Lord God graciously bless our President. Guide him in the Nation's affairs; prosper all measures for universal peace; may we have the broadest conception of right, truth, and justice. Bless the world's children and all righteous workers. Almighty God, may nations and races stop yielding to fear and prejudice and be devoted to Christian brotherhood. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1938

Our Heavenly Father, blessed be Thy holy name forever. O Thou in whose infinite wisdom, power, and goodness rests the destiny of men and nations, we beseech Thee that we may live up to the full measure of Christian manhood. Be graciously inclined toward us and endow the Congress with just and willing minds. With faith and confidence in an overruling Providence, may we patiently submit ourselves to all the obligations and vicissitudes of life. Assure us, O Lord, that all things work for good to them that love God. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, help us to think on these things. We pray in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1938

Heavenly Father, we pray Thee that we may strike hands in unquenchable faith in our Master; may we lift up our hearts to register our allegiance to Him. Inspire us with that love which overleaps analysis and asks no other rule of conduct that all may feel but cannot explain. We pray that it may strengthen and chasten us to dwell together in the bonds of brotherhood; thus may the Lord God be magnified in us. We praise Thee for the abiding promise: The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance and the memory of the just shall be blessed. May we be persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. In His holy name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1938

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, for the assurance that Thou art present and that Thou art a rewarder of them that diligently seek Thee. Heavenly Father, from time immemorial the human heart has turned to Thee for help, sympathy, and guidance; may we wait at Thine altar. Blessed Lord and Master, keep us faithful to ourselves, our homes, our fellow men, and our Nation. We thank Thee for Thy Holy Word—the Book of wisdom, the Book of love, and the Book of God. Let us harken unto its appeal:

"*I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.*"

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1938

Thy loving kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens; Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies; Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God; Thy judgments are a great deep.

HEAVENLY FATHER, may we wait patiently for Thee and incline our hearts at Thy altar. We pray that our deliberations may be a protest against all movements or agencies which work injury to the ideals of our free and representative government. Pour out Thy spirit upon our whole land and keep it far away from that gross materialism which has coffined other nations. Save us, blessed Lord God, from wandering afar from the fresh spiritual fields of moral supremacy. For Thy name's sake, hear us and let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1938

BLESSED LORD AND MASTER, may we wait upon Thee with hearts unsealed and with a conscience void of offense toward God and man. Let us feel how poor life is in itself and how glorious it may become when we have been fashioned and made meet for service in Thy kingdom. From all hardness of heart deliver us; unstop our ears that we may hear; clothe us with Thy spirit and fortify us with the zeal of entire consecration to our tasks. Lord God of Hosts; look upon the great mass of human suffering that mutely appeals to Thee. Put the star of hope in their skies as Thou didst cause the star to hover above the plains of Bethlehem. In the hill of the Lord, may we have clean hands and pure hearts. Strengthen and inspire us each day with the upward gaze. Through Christ our blessed Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 1938

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, heaven and earth are filled with Thy goodness; glory be to Thy holy name! Let us call to mind the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we, through His poverty, might become rich. O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment and the light riseth up in darkness for the godly, grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties the spirit of wisdom. Save us from all false choices, and in Thy light may we see light and in Thy straight path may we not stumble. Heavenly Father, the muffled silence of death hovers about a fireside. The dense quiet of the night has come down; a Member of ability, zealous in performance of duty, has fallen. Oh, comfort the stricken loved ones; help them with Thy great peace to look forward to a higher and a better life. Through Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 1938

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, Thou who art most human and divine, grant that we may be joined to Thee in vital union of affection, devotion, and heartfelt desire. When our joy is touched with pain, when shadows fall on brightest flowers, breathe upon us the ministry of the divine presence. In the calmness of sustaining faith, let their discipline be lost in the joy of fairer days. We are not merely to gratify our own purpose, but to seek Thy will. When found, blessed Lord, may we love to follow it. From the high altar of worthy living, out of fair ideals of the mind of understanding, let there spring ambitions for a better and a happier country. In every situation, do Thou be pleased to sustain our Speaker and the Congress with the arms everlasting that never fail. In the Master's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1938

ETERNAL GOD, strong to save, bountiful in mercy, let the word of our Saviour dwell in us in all wisdom; grant that His peace may rule in all our hearts. Thou who art the fount of all truth, so guide and uphold us by Thy grace, by Thy loving care, and by Thy counsel that we may avoid anything that would lead us to think ourselves better than others. May we love men; be brave enough to strive for them and strong enough to reach them. Subduing all fear, blessed Lord, may we put aside restless, anxious care and allow the restful and unselfish to live in our thoughts. As forbearance and self-restraint are virtues so essential, may they be mutually helpful among us. O may these immortal souls of ours be broad in their sympathies and deep in their convictions. Lord God of Hosts, these chosen Representatives of the people, upon them has been laid tremendous tasks. O be with our President, our Speaker, and the Congress; may all their problems be handled superbly and thus triumph over difficulties. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1938

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, whereby are given unto us exceeding, great, and precious promises, inspire us to give them all diligence, adding to our faith virtue and to our virtue knowledge. O Lord God, how beautiful are all Thy works. In wisdom Thou hast made them all. The earth is full of Thy riches. May we hallow Thy name with praise and gratitude. Speak words of loving cheer. Leave no opportunity unimproved to serve others. Stand close beside us, Heavenly Father. Today let duty have no uncertain flame, but in its performance may our country look and find merit. O fill us with the spirit of the Master, as we remember what the Lord hath done. In His holy name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1938

BY THE MEMORIES, BY THE ASSOCIATIONS, AND BY THE RAPTURES we may feel, we wait, Holy Father, at Thy mercy seat. Thou dost fill heaven with Thy presence; we beseech Thee to descend upon us in the sweetness and purity of the realms of the Spirit. How blessed is that upper life that we may live in our best natures, so akin to the Divine. We thank Thee that we are evermore in Thy sight and that we are blest with the guardianship of Thy fatherhood. Not in our own strength, not in our wisdom nor virtue, but in the plentitude of Thy love and mercy do we live. O give depth and power to the stream of experience; adapt Thy teaching to our weakness and need; kindle in all breasts a mighty conquest of faith and hope, and Thine shall be the praise and glory forever. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1938

BLESSED LORD GOD, we thank Thee for this day. May it be unto us a priceless privilege. We pray that we may use it for Thee, for humanity, and in Thy name. Deliver us from all narrow hopes and narrow faiths that fetter our spirits, and enable us to stand in the glorious liberty of those who fear only Thee. Open our eyes that we may see the best in heart and mind. We entreat Thee, our Father, that we may realize that the glory of life is to love and not to be loved, to give and not to get, to serve and not to be served. O may we not be less than ourselves. Holy Spirit, may we see Him who is all-glorious in truth, holiness, and righteousness, a grand ideal that inspires the best in human nature; and Thine shall be the praise forever. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1938

O Master and Saviour of the world, who dost belong to human necessity, to all mankind, and to each individual, consider and hear us. We praise Thee that Thou hast done exceeding abundantly, more than we ask or think. Thou hast made Thyself a manifold blessing to the world. In wonder and in gladness we hail the future. O Father, who carest for us, keep us within the circle of Thy love and let come to our souls a reviving spiritual breath. With a secret joy bless any who may be discouraged or disappointed; lift them above all despondencies. We bring to Thee, in our arms of faith, our homes. May no plague come nigh our dwellings; keep them under the shadow of Thy wing. Do Thou bless all instrumentalities that are used for the education of the ignorant, for the reformation of morals, and for the administration of law. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1938

Strong Son of God, Immortal Love, make us partakers of the strength and tenderness which Thou hadst before the world was; give glad assurance to each heart. O Thou who hast brought us safely to the beginning of this day, our souls wait for Thee. We pray Thee to make us worthy of Thy continued love and mercy and faithful to our calling. Lord God of the nations, let not Thy voice die away in the disconsolate and empty spaces of this world. Let there come a mighty spiritual power from Thy throne. Oh, give deliverance and make the wrath of men to praise Thee and save them from the tyrannies of war. Do Thou preserve Thy people forever against any government by massacre. We beseech Thee in these times of crises, hold our fellow citizens in the unity of patience, forbearance, and in the spirit of the Carpenter of Nazareth. Almighty God, upon our President, our Speaker, and the Congress have devolved great and even weary responsibilities. Do Thou preserve their strength and sustain them with sure directive wisdom. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1938

Heavenly Father, the Lord of Life, with solemn thought, let us have a glimpse of Thy light, a vision that transfigures darkness, that conquers fears and immortalizes hopes. We pray that the angel of goodness may be wooed and won by all hearts. The universe, Almighty God, is conceived in Thy goodness. Thou, O Christ, art good; Thou went about doing good. Do Thou inspire us with this heaven-born virtue. It will outlast greatness, outshine gold, and outweigh fame. As we pass these days, help us to practice those golden fidelities which alone can make character and create genuine moral worth. Oh, make the atmosphere of this Chamber vibrant with a sense of cooperation, personal responsibility, and with the obligations we owe the people of our Republic, and unto Thy holy name be eternal praises. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1938

O LORD, THOU ART OUR LORD; our times are in Thy hand. The rivers of life, with their infinite depths of immensity, inspire our souls to break into that dear human chant, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." We pray Thee to keep our feet in the widening pathways of wisdom and in the deep flowing tides of brotherhood and good will. We praise Thee for the encircling arms of our Heavenly Father upon earth; they help a loveless heart into a tuneful life. By faith, they hold in the gulf of discord, in the moment of fear, and in the mist of misunderstanding. O Spirit of the Eternal One, direct the councils of this honorable assembly. Bless us with that presence which measures the highest quality of being, and may we never lose its rich enchantment. In the name of our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1938

ALMIGHTY GOD, we pray in the name of Him who has unveiled the secret of Thy purpose for humanity; He is before all things. At His feet we hear the song of hope and breathe the prayer of gratitude. We pray Thee that our daily comfort may be borne of the conviction that Thou art always near. Impress us, our Father in Heaven, that it is ours to make the unknown future brighter, to see the vision and fulfill it. May we so labor, plan, and live as to be an inspiration and a blessing to others. O breathe Thy silent, life-giving power into us that service may be our souls' immortal purpose and our richest achievement. No life is useless, neither is its labor in vain that lightens the burden of another. Do Thou harmonize all true works and workers. Encourage us to walk in Thy way, think Thy thoughts, and let the pure, deep splendor of Thy spirit dwell within us. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1938

For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles.

For Thou, Lord, art high above the earth: Thou art exalted far above all gods.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou hast made of one blood all nations of men and hast given to this world One to inspire a life of self-sacrifice and goodness. We pray Thee that He may come in all His fullness to break down the walls of prejudice rooted deep in the immemorial past, to widen the pathway of ignorance into an endless highway of mutual understanding, to lift the gates of separation off their creaking hinges and set the jubilant feet of humanity in the tides of peace and cooperation. O Master, speak the word that men and nations may live and that the grasping hand of plunder may be cut off. Heavenly Father, do Thou nourish our President, our Speaker, and the Congress in the folds of Thy care, which never fails. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1938

GUIDE US, O GOD OF OUR SALVATION, for the glory of Thy name's sake. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, that Thou art our shepherd God. Our souls are made strong by simple trust in Thy everlasting goodness. All power, all tenderness are interwoven in the blessed assurance which Thou dost impart. Be with us; Thine arm make bare; Thy righteous will be done. We pray that we may be helped by the inflows of fresh, new strength. Let Thy spirit burn deep and clean in all hearts. By giving Thee, O Christ, Thy rightful place in our thought and purpose, our examples shall be an inspiration and our leadership wise. We praise Thee that this world is our Father's house. Do Thou bid all anxious fears and cares subside and be Thou our strength and shield. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1938

THOU WHO ART THE LORD OF LIFE, be our teacher, that we may learn more of the abiding realities of this world. Keep us in the realization that the voices that swing starward are the aspirations of things that live. We thank Thee for Thy arms of mercy and for the blessing of whitening grace. We pray Thee to sustain us with that strength that moves the earth and holds the stars in the firmament. Stir our wills to do Thy will, even as it is done in heaven. Heavenly Father, set our hearts more and more on the moral and spiritual aspects of life. We thank Thee for health and strength and the will to work; may we be grateful for our daily providences and never be dismayed at the call of duty. O Divine One, keep alive in our souls those unutterable silences, that we may hear those sweet, heavenly tones wrought into the unjarring harmonies of a better world. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1938

OUR FATHER OF HEAVENLY LIGHTS, about whom there is no change, in Thee we trust. Grant Thy blessing of mercy and peace to all, and may we love Thee with all our hearts. Give the Congress plentitude of patience and wisdom that Thy name may be exalted and our country served. As there are varied and appropriate duties before us, may they be borne in true manliness, with courage and cheerfulness. Enrich our land with faith, hope, and love so it shall be unto all citizens a haven of tolerance, good will, and brotherhood. Forbid that it should ever be corrupted by false gains or in any way be led aside from its appointed destiny. So bless our homes that in trial, disappointment, and in hardship they may be unto us as the gates of heaven. Almighty God, let that voice be heard which was spoken ages ago from Mount Sinai and was glorified on Calvary, and Thine shall be the praise, through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1938

OUR FATHER, Thou who dost in holy love sustain human life, help us to know it at its strongest and best. In this day of change, shock, and tragedy, inspire us with that spirit which shall fill us with cheer and contagious courage; may we have patience, prudence, and resolution. We trust that we shall be dedicated to the fulfillment of our obligations we owe to our country. So influence our demeanor that we shall walk in unselfish ways and be mindful of the sacred ties which bind us to our fellow men; we pray that our acts may be filial, fraternal, and loyal to them. O Immanuel! let Thy light be within us to dispel all clouds and to reveal the rainbow. O guard and gird the world against the forces that would destroy the foundations of righteousness, justice, and truth. With us may it be forever true—though we travel the world over in search of the beautiful we must carry it with us or we find it not. Unto Thee be eternal praises, world without end. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1938

ON THIS DAY, ALMIGHTY GOD, let the people praise Thee; let all the people praise Thee. We now praise great men and our fathers who begat us. The Lord manifested in them great glory; even His mighty power from the beginning. In prayer let us bring our hearts in fellowship with Thee. We wait in memory of him whose natal day we seek to honor. We pray that his spirit may bow over us in holy benediction. In these hallowed moments may it be ours to see and feel the everlasting and the immortal Washington. Grave, courteous, and just, he lives as a lighthouse along the dreary coast of this weary world. He guided our country's struggling hosts who suffered defeat but not dishonor. They bought our freedom with treasures of blood, and at the last they raised their signals of victory. The Lord God in His great wisdom bless our President, our Speaker, and the Congress. Let all confess under God, that our Republic shall forever stand for the ideals of American manhood. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1938

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

WE THANK THEE that Thou art our God and will be our guide even unto death; may we realize the great mercy which is ministered unto us. By all that is sacred in our religious faith and by all that is sacred in the divine heart may we bring Thee the offerings of our best. Grant, our Father, that the fruits of the Spirit may be in us and be as the garden of the Lord, full of willingness, industry, and growing fruit for the good of all. Blessed Lord God, may our labors be nothing less than noble. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1938

ETERNAL GOD, THE FATHER OF US ALL, we praise Thee that here, there, and always Thy love never faileth; be nearer to us than breathing, closer than hands and feet. Lead us in the paths of truth; be our wisdom in our ignorance and our comforter in trouble. We pray, our Father, that the cry of our souls may be for life, more life. We cannot go on in the ceaseless round of business or pleasure and call that life. May we hear Him who spake as never man spake, that He may bring forth hidden treasures of the soul. In this enduring realm may there be no wasting doubt and no withering defeat. Make all churches great with meaning and holy with spiritual visitations. Sweeter than all other success, richer than a crown, will be to hear it said of us: "They have made a happier, a better, and a more contented country." So may it be, Lord Jesus. In Thy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1938

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, we trust that we approach Thee with renewed faith and confidences in Thy precious promises. We pray Thee to create within us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, that we may go forward with courage and conviction where duty leads. At Thy mercy seat we acknowledge our imperfections and sins and pray that the spirit of our Saviour may control our conduct. Let the blessing of Heaven be upon the officers, the Representatives, and the employees of the Congress. Fill our minds with wisdom and our hearts with grace. Possess us, that we may have broad views of life and its far-reaching purposes. May we thirst for knowledge and the right and learn to deaden self. In the name of our Master. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1938

INFINITE GOD, we pray Thee to let that noiseless tide roll upon our souls from the soundless depths of the Master's heart. May the musings of the eternal mind murmur around us, and let us hear the whisperings of the Most High. We praise Thee for the countless evidences of Thy power, wisdom, and mercy. We thank Thee for the wonderful stretch of love which is far beyond all human need; it is broader than the measure of man's mind. Heavenly Father, another day returns with its labors; may we perform them in the spirit of cheerfulness. Give us the deep consciousness of our responsibilities, and may we put our signatures upon them in thought and with honest hearts. We beseech Thee that all disintegrating powers may be released and that spiritual shadows may fade before the presence of the inner dawn. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1938

ALMIGHTY GOD, before whose face generations rise and fall, our earnest prayer is that Thou wilt incline our hearts toward Thee. Be with us when we need guidance, when we crave friendship, and when tempted and in need of strength. Blessed Lord, may we be too generous to be stopped by prejudice. Across all barriers bless us with that magnanimity of soul which is the foundation of brotherhood; it is the minstrel of eternal goodness; it cleanses with its sacrificial sweetness. Hold us to the realization that the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him and upon them that hope in His mercy. We would exclaim our loving devotion to Him whose holy face is set in eternal compassion which peers forth from the shadows of the glorified cross. Evermore enrich us with His redeeming, transforming power. In his name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1938

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are repentant, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Heavenly Father, we wait with Him who on this day begins his last journey to the cross. Why the storm wind, why peril instead of safety, why the maddening mystery of it all, why the bewildering struggle? A God among the ruins treads the lonely way! O help us to keep these questions from our lips and banish them from our minds. Steady our faith and let us walk with Thee. Thine shall be the glory forever. In His holy name. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1938

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein. For He hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing of the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, the peacemakers, and the pure in heart. Grant unto us Thy Holy Spirit, O God, and enable us to obtain these blessings, and Thine shall be the praise forever. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1938

O OUR FATHER, let us listen calmly now to the call of duty. We thank Thee for that light which even blinds the sun and whose language is lovelier than words. O Morning Star, shed upon us Thy blessing so we shall understand by our living consciousness. Have compassion upon our faults, which are full of weakness. We entreat Thee to let it come so it shall emancipate the world. Let there be a stirring at its great heart for justice, peace, and well-being. Now, blessed Lord, may each one of us hear and obey Thy word:

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom; neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches, but let him that glorieth glory in that he understandeth loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1938

THOU, O LORD, shalt endure forever and the heavens are the works of Thy hands. We pray that the beauty of the Lord may rest upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it. Forgive our infirmities of temper, help us to renounce all selfishness, and embrace benevolence; lift us to brighter hopes and clearer visions. Blessed Master, Thou who gavest Thy life for all, guide us along the way that we stumble not and confirm us in all goodness. In all doubts and uncertainties bless us with the grace to ask Thee what wouldst Thou have us do that we may live and work for the elevation of the people. In the bright testimonies of the power of truth and wisdom may we awaken aspiration, enthusiasm, and encouragement in all the ranks of our fellow citizens. As we are on the threshold of a new week we pray that it may bring rich blessings of good health and strength to our President, our Speaker, and the entire Congress. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1938

OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD, may these moments give our souls a blessed opportunity to listen. Through complexity of thought and feeling, through all our wanderings, we thank Thee that we are Thy children and that there shines clearly the light of our divinity. In the name of Him who loved us hear the yearning of our hearts. Cleanse our purposes and desires and let the zeal in well-doing never cease. We pray that we may put our hands in Thine and walk with Thee in trust and peace. When the way is uncertain, the day dreary, and cares oppress, inspire us to perform well our daily tasks. Keep our lips clean and our thoughts pure, and enable us to realize that in the end truth and right shall succeed. Bring the voice of gladness and cheer into our homes, and may they ever show forth the beauty of love and gentleness. Through Christ our blessed Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1938

IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD; to show forth thy loving kindness in the morning and thy faithfulness every night. Hear us, O Lord, and let our prayer come unto Thee. Let the rays of Thy presence come through the cloud mists of all differences and make us ardent in our devotion to the public service. We pray that confidence and contentment may flow through the veins of the great human life of our land, awakening a joyous new spirit.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1938

O GOD OF ETERNAL GOODNESS AND MATCHLESS LOVE, high throned on heaven's immortal mount, we praise Thee. Refreshed and with renewed strength, we pray for knowledge and a true heart. Forbid that we should in any way lessen our earnestness in the performance of our labors. We thank Thee for the gift of sight whereby we behold the marvels of Nature, but may our gratitude be far deeper for that inner vision by which we discern the realities of the soul. Heavenly Father, search our hearts, know our thoughts, and lead us in the way everlasting. Let there be a breaking up in our souls of a new, divine power. Dispossess us of any temper of vanity or anger; arise, O Lord, and lift the hand of Thy blessing upon us. Be pleased to hear our prayer. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1938

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD, we beseech Thee out of Thy infinite mercy, to look upon us with divine favor; guide and uphold us by Thy loving care. May we be wise in counsel and in example and altogether worthy to serve our country. We pray that we may not be amiss in judgment, courage, and in perseverance; let us prove our worth in all that we do and say. Heavenly Father, this old world is groaning and travailing in pain. Brotherhood, virtue, and justice are bowing low to the superior power of injustice, cruelty, and godless ambition. May every true, honest heart long to see overthrown man's inhumanity to man which pretends to be government. We pray that the poorest, most ignorant, and the most sorely oppressed may be the concern of every praying soul. O may our own beloved country seek to bind up wounds and not make them; quench the fires of war and not kindle them. Let our hand reach out to minister stern kindness without revenge. Through Christ, the Prince of Peace, Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1938

ALMIGHTY GOD, in this reposeful silence, let us hear the whisper of the Divine. Give ear, O Lord, to our words and consideration to our meditation. Thou knowest the possibilities of our service. However imperfect we are, we pray Thee to let the white truth of all things shine from behind all outward appearances. Whatever there is in nobility, in patience, and in heroism, grant that in these we may find our lives by losing them. May the Congress be replete with fine emotions and deep satisfaction and each day herald good cheer and well-being to every part of our land. No matter what the veiling fogs may be, may we see the stars and hear Thee saying: "Peace, be still, be not afraid." Putting aside needless differences, may we not tarry in confusion and uncertainty. Heavenly Father, bless our President, our Speaker, and all our Representatives with the inspiration of reason, of faith, and of wisdom, Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us Thy peace. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH, 15, 1938

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, the giver of all that makes life blessed, we thank Thee that Thy goodness abides through every change. How wonderful is the habitation of the soul! Thou hast made us a little lower than the angels; Thou hast crowned us with glory and honor; we praise Thee for this immortal inheritance. We pray Thee that we may not be conformed to this world, but may we be transformed by the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Heavenly Father, let the day be one of good tidings, and may joy and brotherhood have a place in all our hearts. Forgive us if we have been amiss in our gratitude toward our privileges and opportunities. Work in us sincere repentance and incline our wills to keep Thy law and lead us to see the vanity in a selfish life. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1938

THOU, O LORD, ART A GOD FULL OF COMPASSION, gracious, long-suffering, plenteous in mercy and truth. Turn unto us and have mercy; give Thy strength to these, Thy servants. Let us beware lest we forget the Lord and diligently keep His commandments and testimonies. Heavenly Father, by doing the things we know to be right and just, may this day yield benefit and subdue fear in our country. Help us to make our ideals come true, bright with cheerfulness and promise. Grant that the mists of doubt may be dispensed with in the light of vigorous, happy faith. Cleanse us from all disobedience and darkness; be our constant guide, and establish Thou the work of our hands. In the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1938

MERCIFUL HEAVENLY FATHER, blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. May the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Glory Thyself by our labors, by our sacrifices, and by our faithfulness. We pray Thee to crown us with the riches of pure thoughts, with right aspirations, and with self-denial. Blessed Lord God, we thank Thee and praise Thee for the pure, strong, gifted souls whom Thou hast raised up in every age to promote Thy kingdom of righteousness and Christian faith. We join the multitudes today which are celebrating Ireland's patron saint and prophet. We are grateful for his life and character which live through the years; they abide in the spirit of the good Samaritan under the inspiration of the Master. Help us to emulate his faith, his courage, and fortitude, and Thine shall be the praise. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1938

GRACIOUS ART THOU, O LORD, and full of compassion for the children of men. We pray that we may be duly sensible of Thy merciful providence toward us and faithfully live according to Thy holy will. Look down with Thy infinite wisdom upon our President, his Cabinet, and both Houses of Congress. Be mercifully inclined toward them and endow them with just and willing minds. We entreat Thee that they may be guided in every way in the preservation of the ideals and standards of our glorious Republic. Give vigor to Thy truth in other lands which are struggling with darkness and oppression; by Thy mercies and teaching soften all hearts. In Thy light may all come to the truth and be better men and better citizens. Let the spirit of the only true and living God lift us above all passion from which the cruelties of war have sprung and save this world from the inhumanity of paganism. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1938

REGARD OUR SUPPLICATION, O LORD, and grant us Thy blessing. We thank Thee for Thy pardoning mercies, so countless and so free. We pray that we may show forth Thy praise in our daily conduct. Under the influence and guidance of Thy spirit help us to come into a larger knowledge and liberty as the sons of God. May we cherish a great faith in the possibilities and future of our homeland. O cleanse the channels of our national life and pour into them health and purity, bearing away evil and all unwholesome things. As Thou dost love mercy, O may the love of country dwell in the hearts of devout millions, leaving them purer and braver for the vision that is to come. We do not ask to see the distant scene, but we pray for the eyes of vision, for the arms of faith, and for the feet of obedience. Today make our duty our delight. In the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1938

O Lord God of Hosts, who is like unto Thee, Thy truth is on every side. Thou hast a mighty arm; strong is Thy hand and high is Thy right hand. Give Thy blessings to these, Thy servants, that by their deliberations our country may rest in peace and happiness. Grant that in every way we may give our institutions, upon which it must abide for its future stability and glory, our emphatic faith, unquestioning loyalty, and our impassioned devotion. Our Father, quicken and stimulate us with freshness of soul and with a warm spiritual yearning for Thee. O Master, bend over us in inspiration and make us equal to any duty or sacrifice. Deliver us, we pray Thee, from those tendencies which impoverish and destroy, and forbid that they should afflict the soul or stain the life; and Thine is the praise forever. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1938

Our Father, the God of Nature and of the human heart, we praise Thee that Thou dost speak to men in the glory of the heavens and in the manifold voices of Thy creation. Thou makest the earth to respond in the brightness and promise of springtime; we pray Thee, Heavenly Father, bless and inspire us with like joy and renewal. Mercifully awaken in us the beauty and glory of divine things. Write Thy law within us, and may our love to Thee make it easy for us to obey. Give us, O Lord, eyes to behold the truth, the moral sense that knows the right, and hearts filled with the gentlest sympathy. Almighty One, in our own land bring men together on the heights of hope where all discords are caught up in the symphonies of brotherhood and service. Let the people praise Thee, let all the people praise Thee. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1938

Gracious Father in heaven, we praise Thee that Thou art the peace that dwells in the shades of night and the radiance and hope of a new day. The call of duty is with us; grant that to labor manfully and wisely may be in our sincere thoughts. By patience and courage help us to conquer hardship, and keep us full of faith in Thee and in ourselves. Thou who dost note the sparrow's fall and dost guide the fowl through the pathless sky, sustain us with calm assurance. Help us to rest in the promise that all things work for good to them that love Thee and walk in Thy ways. Heavenly Father, let us not be in haste to consider difficult tasks as useless; let us not grow weary in welldoing. Bless us, we pray Thee, with that grace that shall enable us to deal justly and love mercy and maintain any faltering steps. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1938

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we wait these moments to offer Thee our tributes of praise and gratitude. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the mount of His holiness. Teach us the gladness of a life responsible to Thy message through Nature. The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork. We pray that we may be enabled to enter into sympathetic relation with the garden, the field, woodland, and the glory of the outstretched heavens. For these, O God, we voice our gratitude. Today they are as new as the book of life; by these we are befriended, soothed, and nourished; Thy mercy never faileth. Unite our people in the common bonds of patriotic duty; may they love our country as never before. Infinite God, from yonder world we hear the sounds of chains and the moaning of Thy captive children. Unled, they are struggling in the wilderness. Thou who art the light of the world to dispel the darkness, break the chains and set the captives free. May the loving care of Thy providence be round about our President, our Speaker, and the Congress, and give us great peace. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1938

O LORD GOD, Thou who hast dealt most graciously with us, teach us true understanding and knowledge. We pray Thee to defend us from blindness of fear and prejudice, for great is the peace of them who love Thy law. Let it be Thy good pleasure to draw us nearer to Thee. Enable us, blessed Father, to keep our spirits tranquil and serene. In times of pressure, in times of disturbance, and in times of quiet may there be in us the strength of patience, gentleness, and forbearance. In our varied experiences help us to be conscious of Thy presence. If the day shall be one of hardship, grant us help to perform our duty uncomplainingly; if of joy, to accept it with gratitude, and when the shades of night shall call us to our rest may memories give us great peace. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1938

BLESSED SAVIOUR AND MASTER, Thou who art the Father's full appeal to humankind, we thank Thee for life; we pray Thee to make Thy blessing our strength. Enable us to look for the places that are gladsome and clear; to smile when the clouds lower, when fortune frowns, and when the tides are adverse. Thus we shall multiply ourselves manyfold in the peace and courage of others. Heavenly Father, let us see that our hearts are emptied of all jealousy and covetousness, of all selfishness and wrath; we shall thus hasten on the better day in which many human hearts shall be softened. Single-hearted, without blindness or haste, we shall inspire our country to keep the pathway of unshakable confidence. O let the breath of the gospel of peace sweep throughout the world; and hear Thou the unuttered praise of our deepest feelings. Through Christ. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1938

HEAVENLY FATHER, at the opening of this session we pause in recognition of Thy merciful fatherhood and to pay tribute to Thy sacred name. O Lord God, in the name of the Master we humbly and devoutly pray for wisdom and understanding. We most earnestly entreat Thee to enrich our hearts with His spirit. The very essence of His holy character was love. In Him was no guile; poise and self-mastery were the crowns of His being. Hear us for His name's sake.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1938

MIGHTY FATHER, hear our prayer and give us Thy blessing; we praise Thee for the soul-flame of our Saviour, for His deathless dreams, for His sacred adventures, and for His holy sacrifices. O Thou who didst call us into being and hast endowed us with marvelous faculties of mind and soul, we pray that the rule of God may be our supreme motive and personal goodness our unflagging ideal. In our deliberations may we think clearly, speak wisely, and act nobly. In the duties pertaining to these hours, O keep us mindful of the far-reaching responsibilities, of the trust and dignity reposed in us by a great and patriotic people. We pray for the submerged multitudes. Bless the unwritten and the unsung things of their daily lives. Whisper something consoling to the heartbroken and draw closer to the forsaken. Keep in the folds of Thy loving care our President, our Speaker, and the entire Congress. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1938

OUR FATHER, THE KING ETERNAL, bend low and break the bread of life unto us. Thou who delightest in mercy, league us with the kingdom of righteousness and give us the spirit the Christ bestows. May we take hold of the ultimate realities of life and not yield to the merciless winds of fate and chance. We pray Thee, blessed Lord, enable us to keep our tryst with Thee, to strive and to seek the highway that leads to peace and contentment. We beseech Thee that we may have borne in upon us the unrealized aspirations of faith and a hope that maketh not ashamed. Heavenly Father, may all our powers, motives, and ambitions be consecrated at the altar of our Republic. O bare all purposes and let the spirit of the divine One pour nourishing help into our souls. Cleanse us with the streams of forgiving love and brotherhood, and Thine shall be the praise in the name of Him who loved us to the end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1938

OUR FATHER'S GOD, who hast never forsaken Thy children, continue to help and protect us. May we go forward with unfaltering footstep and with a deep consciousness of our responsibilities. Wherever there is a listening soul, there God is; the light breaks through to show the way. To Thee we lift up our hearts in gratitude and praise for life, health, and strength. We pray that we may be worthy of the inestimable gifts with which Thou has endowed us. O Lord God, when we get a glimpse of the gleams of the Master we feel that we cannot live the life to which He points nor meet the claims of His promises. O shame us, startle us, arouse us, and may we arise and be hopeful in our successes and stronger where we fail. O Prophet of God, subdue us and help us to serve the humblest need with gladness and not falter in fear and doubt. By Thy spirit may we keep the skies clear. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1938

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD, who is the inspiration of every good and perfect thought. We pray Thee that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts may be acceptable in Thy sight; bear with us and renew a right spirit within us. We thank Thee for the wisdom and the knowledge which have come down to us from the mighty past. As noble deeds never die, inspire us to thus work and live for the generations to come. We pray Thee to keep us from all misunderstandings and misapprehensions; allow not the din and dust of controversy to retard wise progress. Remind us these days, our Heavenly Father, of the final scenes of our Saviour. Let His voice be heard in all hearts: "He that doeth the truth cometh to the light." Almighty God, enable us to speak the brave word, do the brave deed, and live the brave life, and Thine is the praise forever. Through Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1938

GIVE EAR, O LORD GOD, to our prayer and ponder the voice of our humble desires. Ever ready is the Father to bless and ever ready is His spirit to comfort. We pray Thee to enable us to invest ourselves in ultimate riches of life. O enrich us with the spirit of Jesus; though a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, yet He spoke ever of His joy and peace. By His inspiration may we learn to care for the least and the feeblest, lest we lose the noblest and divinest. O Father of Life, flood our souls with the tides of Thy oceanic love, thus lifting us to the highest service. Let the spirit of the Lord be upon us, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, and Thine shall be the praise. Through our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1938

Almighty God, who alone gavest us the breath of life and alone canst keep alive in us the holy desires Thou dost impart, we beseech Thee for Thy compassion's sake to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavors that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention nor continue it without Thy blessing. Grant that having the eyes of the mind opened to behold things invisible and unseen, we may in heart be inspired by Thy wisdom and in work be upheld by Thy strength and in the end be accepted of Thee as Thy faithful servants. In Thy light may we see light and in the straight path may we not stumble. At the close of the day, the Lord lift up the light of His countenance and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1938

Our Father in Heaven, we come to Thee with gratitude in our hearts and words of praise upon our lips. We thank Thee for the light of another day and for the blessings it brings from Thee. We pray that our energies may be used in giving happiness and in doing good; be Thou our beacon light and our anchor in every time of need. Nothing can lessen the value and the dignity of our station so long as brotherhood, the religion of love and devotion endure. As we approach Calvary, with its solemn shadow, we pray that the babble of selfishness and self-interest may be clipped away, and God forbid that we should glory save in its cross. O Heavenly Father, enable us to be brave and of good cheer. Teach us that home is made dear and precious by its memories and the inspirations of its fireside. Our President, our Speaker, the leaders, together with all the Members of the Congress, spare not the richest blessings of Thy holy hand upon them. Through Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1938

Our most merciful God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour, we pray for the inspiration of Thy spirit; it enlivens righteousness in the soul, the home, and Nation. We thank Thee for this radiant day. The springtime world is throbbing with new energy; it is asparkle with Thy glorious sunshine, breaking into flowers, instinct with life. Truly the heavens and the earth declare the glory of God. May we share this magnificent life which is flowing roundabout us. In our labors may we be coworkers with Thee, bringing into being a new creation. We entreat Thee, our Father, that the Christ, the Revelation of Eternal Love, may be our ideal. Let us constantly seek to be filled with His spirit, using our knowledge and influence to soften the sorrows of our fellow men; in this pursuit may we not falter, but go forward with brave and quiet hearts. Forbid that we should pass on the other side leaving others alone to hear only the beating of their own hearts and the echo of their own footsteps. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1938

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who art our refuge and strength, we beseech Thee to renew our confidence and faith in Thy eternal providence; continue Thy favor upon us, and in all things may we be faithful servants unto Thee and our fellow men. We earnestly pray for wisely poised minds, for clear consciences, and for pure motives. As the cross is unveiled may we behold infinite love struggling for infinite expression and ask: "Am I worthy?" Almighty God, as Thy heart is revealed, O let us seek Thy mercy and feel the depths of forgiveness and peace. Thus may we renew our covenant and subscribe ourselves as Thy loving, obedient children. However, dark or cruel the way, however huge the sacrifice demands, the Christ leads on humbly and uncomplainingly. So long Thy power hath blest us, sure it still will lead us on, until the splendor of our vision shall come with might upon the parched and dusty places of this old earth and human hearts shall blossom into summer and put on new beauty. May the arms of the Father's love and care be roundabout our Speaker and the sorrowing family. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1938

ALMIGHTY GOD, THE FATHER OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, we praise Thee for the glory of the Resurrection; its message is the supremacy of the spiritual. In its glow all things vital stand unimpaired and all essential values unmolested. We pray that we may never lose ourselves in caring for the things we must lay down and leave behind at the gate of death. We rejoice that at this shrine we may realize every dream of our immortal souls; in its light there is no defeat and no loss. Blessed Lord, over against the desolations of human experiences, do Thou calm all confusion and silence all fears. Let the spirit of the glorified Master guide us each day into strong and beneficent living. We wait: Once more, our Father, an alarm bids us bow our hearts in sorrow. A zealous and a faithful Member has left us. Wherever he served he met all problems with courage and intelligence. Be very near all who mourn him and comfort them in the blessed promises of Easter Day. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1938

OUR MOST MERCIFUL HEAVENLY FATHER, help us to begin this day with the right spirit in our hearts—the spirit of love toward Thee and our fellow men. We pray that we may be ever mindful of what we owe Thee, our friends, ourselves, and our country. Unfettered by unholy passions and free from the spirit of unforgiveness, O let us feel the unity of the bonds of brotherhood. May we give praise and thanksgiving to that ageless song: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." We beseech Thee that these may be the days of the high tides of cooperation and mutual understanding, when the

streams of thought and wisdom shall flow from all lips. O God, if pride or presumption imperil and vision becomes distressful, O take our wills and help them to pass into an assured reasonableness and peace which form the strength of life. In the holy name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1938

Many, O Lord our God, are Thy works which Thou hast made, and Thy thoughts to usward cannot be numbered. We pray that we may delight to do Thy will; write Thy law within our hearts. In prayer, thought, and endeavor, we beseech Thee to prevail among us. In an atmosphere and light of splendid aspirations, pulsating with moral power and understanding, may all things in our country be brought into a state of good health and harmony. Selfishness, the poison of so many woes, O take it all away and enthrone within us a fine sense of justice and righteousness. Blessed Lord, let not the pride of our own breasts deceive us; may we vow to conduct ourselves wisely and prudently in all good and manly ways. Grant that we may believe profoundly in the Golden Rule; if we are faithful to it, we shall share its ultimate joy and victory. We commend unto Thee, Heavenly Father, with all Thy gracious blessings, our President, our Speaker and Members, officers, and employees of the Congress. May we all live with true hearts and in fellowship with one another. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1938

Almighty God of the timeless centuries, we pray that we may wait in Thy presence expectantly and confidently. We thank Thee for our tasks and for the strength with which to work. In the discharge of our duties may we accomplish that which is worthy; help us to understand that consecration and not rank is the all-important thing. Above all, Heavenly Father, may we not forget that living is giving. In the stern obligations that call us to this Chamber, do Thou sanctify our thoughts and hallow our desires. O let Thy truth come to us from many sources and let it pour through our minds and hearts. Arm us with strength of determination, that we may never make any compromise between vice and virtue. Give glad assurance to us; make our faith in an All-Wise God supreme, and eternal praise be unto Thee. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1938

Our Father in Heaven, whose will is supreme and without whom nothing is pure or enduring, hear our humble prayer. We pray that we may thus renew our relationship with Thee and be strengthened to go forward in the labors that await us. Increase the power of the divine

within us that we may know Thy will in thought and deed. O Thou, who art the light of the world, be more unto us than the light that quivers in our eyes. Over against the downward tendency of our human natures let us feel the upward urge of that blessed and eternal life meditated by the ageless Christ. We praise Thee for life's unity in its infinite variety. "One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 2, 1938

ETERNAL AND MERCIFUL FATHER, we thank Thee for the sublime faith that brings men to the mercy seat of prayer. We praise Thee that here we find strength and guidance and are encouraged by the wondrous truth that throughout the ages one increasing purpose runs; may we not fail to discern its significance. Thou wilt yet make the wrath of man to praise Thee. Inspire us each day to drink deeply of the spirit of the Master. Keep our souls strong and clear, recognizing the eternal wisdom of Thy teaching. Almighty God, so abide with us that as time rolls on we shall have a growing determination to invest ourselves in the riches of godliness, in the riches of unselfishness, and in the riches of an influence that shall live on when time and place shall know us no more. In the Saviour's name. Bless Thou our Speaker. Give him great peace in mind, body, and soul. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1938

HEAVENLY FATHER, OUR CHANGELESS FRIEND, we pray that we may greet this day with reverence for the blessings and opportunities it bestows. Thou who art the Lord of heaven and earth, we beseech Thee to make us big, generous, and self-giving, and altogether worthy of the name we bear. These are the golden settings of a soul wondrously strengthened by the spirit of God. Let us in Thy holy name make ceaseless effort against social injustice, poverty, and ignorance; but, blessed Lord, keep us ever mindful of the real problem of each life which must be solved. We turn to Thee for the healing of the evils which only Thou canst cure. Great and marvelous are Thy works, righteous and true are Thy ways. Thou art the king of the ages; Thou only art holy. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1938

ETERNAL GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who hast brought us this new day, accept our gratitude and thanksgiving; be pleased to hearken unto our supplication. How precious are Thy thoughts unto us, O God, and great is the sum total of them. If we could count them, they are greater in number than the sand. We thank Thee for life; it means so much to us. We praise Thee for every generous spirit and for every helping hand. We rejoice in all their strength and beauty. We entreat Thee, blessed Lord,

to lift us above all unrighteous temper and all suspicion into the mutual spirit of brotherhood and cooperation. O Father of infinite mercy, search us and know our hearts, try us and know our thoughts, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1938

O GOD, WONDERFUL ART THOU IN THY HOLY PLACES, even the God of Israel; He will give strength and power unto His people. O Thou who sittest in the heavens, over all from the beginning, send out Thy voice, Thy mighty voice. We entreat Thee, let not the pits of intolerance and hate shut their mouths upon Thy children. Almighty God, come to this world, leave it not alone, and subdue all the forces of darkness. Let the blessings of Heaven rest upon the Congress; guided by Thy spirit, may its issues be in consonance with Thine eternal purposes which Thou hast ordained. Kindle, we pray Thee, within all hearts the sacred flame of brotherhood, and may it grow brighter and more radiant until the coveted goal is reached. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1938

ALMIGHTY GOD, by the word of Thy servant, Thou hast said: "Lord, Thou art God, which hast made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is." We humbly and reverently bow in Thy presence and acknowledge with unfeigned gratitude our indebtedness to Thee. Continue Thy blessings upon us that we may fulfill to the uttermost our mission. It is written: "As the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and returneth not hither, but watereth the earth and maketh it to bring forth and blossom, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth; it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." We pray that we may be faithful and profitable servants unto Thee, O God, our Father. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1938

HEAVENLY FATHER, we beseech Thee to keep Thy word in our hearts that it may direct and guide us this day in all our ways. The Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord God of Hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee. *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1938

O LORD GOD OF HOSTS AND OUR HEAVENLY FATHER UPON EARTH, we seek Thy presence that we may fulfill the duties of this day in the spirit of the Master. Thy ways are past finding out, yet Thou hast given us an immortal Teacher in Thine only begotten Son. We fervently pray Thee to guide us in those things that make for godliness in thought and action. Do Thou empty us of all selfish and ignoble desires. Make us deeply just and serious in all our deliberations. O blessed is the man whose delight is in the Lord. Help us to learn more and more that mercy is greater than sacrifice, that truth is more wonderful than fiction, that reality surpasses all dreams, and that goodness will ever outlive greatness. Grant that we may breast the stream of the future unafraid, soothed and deathlessly nourished by a life that is sustained by the mercy and love of an infinite God. Upon our praying lips we bear to the throne of grace our President, our Speaker, and the Congress; keep and shelter them day by day. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1938

THOU, ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, teach us the high art of living and working in concord and cooperation. We pray Thee to inspire our whole land with great courage and patriotism that the evils which so easily beset us may be speedily diminished; thus may contentment and peace be accentuated throughout the Union. Hasten, blessed Lord, the coming of the Kingdom of Happiness in all classes and conditions of our fellow citizens. O may they dauntlessly grasp the larger and the higher realities of life. Quicken us with the power of that faith which soars to the throne of divine grace. Stir and direct our wills to do Thy will as it is done in heaven. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1938

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou who art the light of life, Thou who dost stoop from the stainless heights of purity, hear our petition, we beseech Thee. Knock at the door of every heart and seal it with Thy merciful presence. We pray Thee to keep us strong, just, and true with spiritual devotion and power. Stir our immortal spirits with a vision that shall conquer fears, transfigure disappointments, and immortalize our fondest hopes. Blessed Lord, may we walk in peace, free from the agitations and the surgings of these tumultuous times; keep us steadfast in self-discipline. Bless all homes and remember the little children who are growing into the years. May such influences be about them which shall lead them into the paths of virtue and truth. Harken unto all unvoiced hearts and loves which are never heard save by the ear of our All-Father. When this day dies into the dark, be pleased to give us rest. Through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 16, 1938

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, speak and may we listen. Thou who art the ancient of days, yet ever new, bless us with Thy presence. Forgive our feverish ways; breathe through the heats of our desires Thy coolness and Thy balm; let us all forgive as we hope to be forgiven. We pray that we may be brave and fruitful in the performance of duty and that everything may be supplanted by a passion to serve. That the Congress may think and work for the common good, clothe our Speaker and all Members with increased devotion and understanding. Mercifully remember our land. We pray that the poor and needy may be ministered unto and that the ignorant have light and knowledge brought unto them. Oh, spare our people from all false judgments. Bring them all into one family without divisions, hatreds, and contentions. May all live in peace in the salvation of our God. Let that glorious spiritual life begin which shall never terminate until the throne of the Almighty One itself crumbles. In the name of our living Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1938

Our blessed Heavenly Father, look down upon us from Thy throne of grace and hear our prayer. Forgive our sins, be gracious unto us, and help us to be true to ourselves in all that pertains to our private and public demeanor. In all situations may we prove ourselves worthy of the honor and the dignity our country has bestowed upon us. Blessed Lord God, enable us to approach duties and responsibilities calmly and undisturbed, remembering that he who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city. Make us zealous in all good works that we may come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Unto Him be eternal praises, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1938

We pray Thee, O God, to open our lives to Thy great nature, to the wonder of Thy providence, and keep us very near the Father's heart. May we discern Him whom Thou has sent to make known to the world the ways of peace, joy, and salvation; always looking unto Him as our sacrifice and the One who ever lives for us. We praise Thee that in Thy heart there is a place for every human experience. Inspire us to respond to Thy call and find in Thee the Great Shepherd who is the way, the truth, and the light. Whether we walk the lonely ways of trial or tread the summit of joy, in Thee we have a leadership that never faileth. Oh, let us feel the uplifting, transfiguring strength of a personal God, sheltering and blessing us with His fatherhood. We pray that Thy spirit may fan into a glowing flame the embers of purity and happiness on every hearthstone and make the heart of every home a throne of whiteness and its life a temple of love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1938

OUR FATHER, we turn our prayer to the "mount of God," for it is stamped with a name that will outlive the mountain—"the Lord will provide." We praise Thee with grateful hearts for in Thee is the secret of a calm and cheerful confidence. O Thou with whom there is no variableness, no weariness, no shadow of turning, give us Thy guidance. We pray that the warm glow of our sympathies may not fade, the arteries of our souls harden, nor the red blood of brotherhood cease to flow. May experience as well as precept teach us the need and the glory of the Golden Rule. When we have pleasure, may it be purified; when doubts, grant their solution; and when troubles have left their traceries upon hearts and hearthstones, merciful Lord, grant release. O Thou who dost breathe upon the clouds and lift the shadows, may our country begin to round into the pathway of unshaded light. Let in the morning sun. We need the power of the Most High. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1938

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 23, 1938

THOU, WHO HAST DEALT SO BOUNTIFULLY WITH US, O God, have mercy upon us; according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgression. Thou who hast put eternity in the hearts of men, enable us to overcome evil with good. Disclose unto us the enchanted dominion of a Christianized heart and mind. At the beginning of this day and week may our souls find whiteness, our minds unity, and our hearts forgiveness. We pray that the Great Shepherd may lead us into the fields of humanity waiting for our guidance and our help. Having been commissioned and honored, our Father, may we see the afflictions of our people, hear their appeals, realize their conditions, and work out the Master's definition of a good and a great life. May we deliver them into paths leading to homes of happiness, where tearful eyes become tearless, stormy words melt into peace, and sore hearts are mended. May the blessings of Almighty God abide with our President, our Speaker, and the Congress that our whole realm may be blest and satisfied. In the name of our dear Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 1938

ALMIGHTY GOD OF INFINITE TRUTH AND WISDOM, we praise Thee for Thy patience with the world of men. We pray that thou wilt draw us with Thy benign influence to a higher status of character that we may be strong and walk therein. O abound in us in the riches of our Heavenly Father. We need purer aspirations, more fortitude, more self-denial, and more of the power of the spiritual world. Help us to accept Thy law, rejoice with those who do rejoice, condescend to men of low estate, and walk in fellowship with those who need us most. Grant that in all affairs we may lead useful lives. O give us that divine wisdom and godliness which are profitable in all things. We thank Thee that Thy word standeth sure; its foundations are immutable and will remain until the last tear is shed and the last pulse of love has throbbed. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 1938

OUR FATHER, we pray Thee that the constancy of Thy loving providence may awaken enduring gratitude in our souls. Whatever may be our weaknesses, let us think of ourselves as Thy children, seeking no reward more glorious than Thine approval. Bless us with the voice of Thine unuttered spirit, with the songs that sing in silence, and let us hear the tones that the heart loves so well. O make our faith be so steadfast that our faculties shall rise in a radiant morning of the soul. Blessed Lord, Thou who art supreme over all, help us to be faithful and true in life-giving and in life-sustaining ministries. Grant that we may see beneath life's busy activities the great good Thou art working among men; to this end may we learn to labor and to wait. Our Father, hold us to the truth, that amid conflicts and hardships life is a climbing vine that blossoms on the other side of the wall. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1938

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, remember us in love and guide us by Thine infinite wisdom. Grant Thy blessing upon these Thy servants of our Republic. Clothe them with the spirit of wisdom and truth. So rule in all hearts and so bless us in all endeavors that justice and contentment may prevail. We pray, so purify our spiritual visions that we may see Thee; renew our inward lives through the unseen and eternal. O Thou whose nature is love, whose spirit is goodness, whose will is peace, make Thy face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. O lift up Thy countenance upon us that we may see the glowing pathways of righteous duty and service. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1938

LORD GOD OF THE AGELESS PAST, we bless Thee that we live today in a united country with one heart and soul. We are grateful for the chivalrous heroes of the past who were inspired to deathless deeds of heroism. Grant, as the memorial days return, sacred to the North and the South, that the tears of the Gray and the tears of the Blue may mingle as they fall upon the dust of their precious dead. May all differences of feelings and all bitterness be buried so deep that they shall never again be resurrected. Graciously bless our whole land. May there be no North, no South, no East, no West, and no past in the grip of a dead hand, but an enduring Republic towering above the discordant masses of earth. We pray Thy blessing upon all whom we love, upon our friends everywhere, and upon those whom men remember only to hurt and hate. The poor and the outcast, may they find rescue. O let Thy kingdom come, from which shall be banished all hatred and in which dwelleth peace, joy, and brotherly love. In the name of the Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1938

O LORD GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, hear our prayer and be attentive unto the whisperings of our hearts. We praise Thee that Thy throne is forever and ever; the scepter of Thy kingdom is righteousness. Thou who art the fount of all love and wisdom, uphold us by Thy counsel. As servants of our beloved country, enable us to be prophets of that new morning whose advancing light is evermore fully radiating the ways of the races of men and inspiring them onward toward a transfigured world. Help us to live lives of faith and good works, whose fruits are joy and peace. More and more undergird our trust in Thee. Almighty God, some way, in Thine own marvelous way, lift up into Thy eternal beauty the fallen ruins of our humanity and conform its ways to Thy changeless law. Help us each day, our Father, to be sweet tempered and loving hearted. Forgive us that in which we have been amiss in seizing our opportunities. May this day be used to promote concord and to overcome evil with good. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1938

OUR FATHER, whose spirit pervades all space and the light of the world, may we draw near Thee in spirit and in truth. We are weak, Thou art mighty; our knowledge is limited, Thou knowest all things. We pray Thee to clothe us with Thy wisdom and direct our understanding aright. Reveal unto us the hidings of Thy power that we may be strong in will, of equal temper, and of courageous spirits. Do Thou quell the tumult that sometimes surges within us and threatens the citadel of the soul. May we with

patience and calmness meet all problems under the sublime inspiration of the teaching of our Master. Breathe upon us, O breath of God. May we listen to the beating of our own hearts and hear Thee saying, "I will go with you all the way." We praise Thee that we have many comforts and experiences of joy; we would not ignore these blessings. Let Thy will be done in all hearts. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1938

O Lord, our Lord and our Redeemer, Thou who art the strength of our life and the hope of our salvation, hear our prayer for Thy name's sake. Let Thy spirit inspire our words at the threshold of our lips. Heavenly Father, we pray for listening minds and hearts. May we know the truth and it shall make us free, rejoicing our hearts and quickening our footsteps on errands of patriotic service. We earnestly entreat Thee that we may be able to push through the strata of human differences until wise conclusions shall stand in the revealing lights of wisdom and justice. Grant that cooperation may prevail throughout our country, and may not ill will stain the calendar of our history. Lead men to the altar of devotion, where they may seek Thee and become true friends of man. As there are only two abiding realities in the universe, God and the human soul, let us hear Thy calling voice. Almighty God, mark these days with Thy merciful blessings upon our President, our Speaker, and the Congress, and Thine shall be the praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1938

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, O Thou Saviour who hast loved us, love us into strength, into patience, and into brotherhood. We pray that our undaunted Lord and Master may inspire us with His faith and zeal. Unseal the fountains of Thy presence, and may we recognize the claims of high character, noble duty, and the service we owe a great people. May we look up from the lap of our own dear native soil and thank God that we live in the fairest portion of all the earth; may it never be the despair of any man. As we see Thy hand stretched forth, may we be deeply grateful that it is the love of the eternal that binds us to Thy throne forever. Enable us to prove the justification of our high ideals and the guaranty of our great hopes. Grant that we may dispense with all unnecessary anxieties, trust God, labor justly, and be at rest. We pray that a new world will soon be shaped for a new humanity. We beseech Thee to bless and guide all officers, leaders, and Members of the Congress, and Thine shall be the praise. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1938

According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Thou art our God forever and ever, and will be our guide even unto death. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works toward the children of men.

O GRACIOUS FATHER OF MANKIND, help us to interpret aright the constant revelation of Thy love and mercy manifested toward us. We pray Thee to make this day rich in satisfaction which comes from upright living. Let our best impulses find expression in the spirit of helpful justice couched in all hearts. We thank Thee that wherever there is a listening soul, there Thou art, and wherever Thou art, the shadows dissolve in the beams of Thy unclouded truth. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1938

HAVE MERCY UPON US, O GOD; accord unto us Thy loving kindness. According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Create in us all clean hearts and renew within us a right spirit. Be with any who may be of a troubled heart or necessitous, or whose better natures tremble and are afraid. Let Thy arms be unto us as our earthly parents', sustaining and helping us as we walk the crowded ways of life. In our varied experiences, O Lord, with their breaking wonders and disappointments, may we labor steadily on in the fields of faith, bringing forth fruit that shall honor our generation. In our country's ebb and flow, may it always disclose the things that shall live and never die. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1938

THOU WHO HAST CROWNED US WITH LIFE, may we love to do Thy will and walk in Thy ways. Heavenly Father, keep us very close to this throbbing, living world. We rejoice that it is ours to walk its kindly, brotherly ways and to know that Thou dost touch it with immortal hope. We love life, blessed Lord, but the responsibility is too heavy and its mystery is too profound for us to tread its pathways alone. We beseech Thee to arm us with jealous care, courage, and wisdom. Keep our vision clear, and let us hear in our breasts the enchanting whispers of the Divine. And Thine shall be the praise. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1938

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, we entreat Thee to hear our supplication. The hushed voices of our hearts, unheard and unsung, to them Thou wilt turn an attentive ear. We pray Thee that Thou mayest have Thy rightful way in our thought and practice, that high endeavor may be inspired in our daily circumstances. Thy will be done, O God; it bids the weak be strong and commands the strong to be just. May we seek that life which is eternal now; this is life eternal, to know God and His only begotten Son whom He has sent. We praise Thee, our Father, that He fulfills the old-world dreams, hopes, and aspirations. In His holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1938

O CHRIST OF JUDAH, O CHRIST OF GOD, let Thy name prevail from age to age. May praise and gratitude to Thee wait in all hearts. May we be blest in the folds of divine companionship and in the fellowship of man, thus we become related to the precious things of life. Give us the farsight of the soul that sees through all shadows and the ears that hear through all discords the clear note of the coming day. Bless us all with bigness of life and with richness of soul; hold us each day in the foldclasp of the Good Shepherd. Almighty God, to Thee we pray, to Thee we cry: This ageless world seems to be rocking upon its very foundations. It seems to be breaking away from God and becoming dehumanized in the hell of hate and war. On bended knee we beseech Thee to stop the ravages and the slaughter of undeclared war, and Thine shall be the praise. In the name of our Elder Brother. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1938

BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD, whose goodness faileth never! With firm reliance on Thee, enable us to resist all forms of temptation which assail home, church, and state. Almighty God, we thank Thee for our Republic, for its splendid traditions and for its precious heritage. We praise Thee for our forefathers, whom no epitaph can flatter and no chiseled monument can exalt. We thank Thee for our national ensign, which is being celebrated and reverently enshrined today in song and story. It gathers up in its glorious folds the wealth and the fullness of a nation's life; it emblazons and embodies all in one beloved emblem. As we behold it in all its glory may we feel enraptured and become greater lovers of our fair land. We pray that it may ever challenge the admiration of all mankind as it continues to float over a contented and united people. We pray that the spirit of the Prince of Peace, whose advent was heralded by the angelic host, may bless us today as the voices of all citizens blend in one patriotic chorus. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

First Session

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1939

ETERNAL GOD AND FATHER OF MANKIND, in these waiting moments breathe upon us Thy holy spirit; may we be deeply conscious of the truth and reality of the divine presence. Forgive our selfish and ignoble ambitions and inspire us with a broad comprehension of the public service. Quicken us with that deathless faith that lifts beyond the stars. We praise Thee for that love which sanctifies the home, that insures the perpetuity of our Nation and makes the world akin. May every wistful hope and lingering desire find fruition in the spirit of the Master. Thou who holdest in Thy heart the secret of human life and destiny, hear every prayer; speak in every tongue in all the earth to the noble army of the distressed and unfortunate. O stay Thou the tragic sufferings which follow in the train of war. We fervently pray that our President may be attended by the richest blessings of grace, mercy, and good health. Sustain in the folds of Thy fatherly care our distinguished Speaker, and may brotherly love, patriotism, and statesmanship prevail among all Members. Graciously remember all others who are associated in any way with the Congress. Open Thou our lips as we pray our Saviour's prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1939

OUR FATHER'S GOD, Thou who hast never forsaken Thy children, continue to bless, guide, and protect us. O Thou who dost seem so far away, be ever near, that we may behold the light of Thy countenance. Open Thou our spiritual eyes that we may see. Open our spiritual hearts that we may feel the pulsations of Thy loving heart. Do Thou work in us Thy holy will as it was in Him, who is the world's divinest Teacher and Redeemer. Thou hast been our help in ages past. By prayers, by tears, by the valor of our worthy sons, Thou hast raised up a republic to be an example and inspiration to all humanity. Eternal God, may it live yet for 10,000 years to be a protest against all forms of tyranny and oppression. Thou who wert from the beginning of time, may those things that cause discord and distrust be abated. May men learn war no more, Almighty God. May nations cease to act and move in the lower lobes of their natures. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, Thou who art power, truth, and knowledge over all the earth, so enrich us that we shall go on to virtue, to aspiration, and to the utmost endeavor. By faith, hope, and love enable us to hold fast to Thee. O Thou who dost robe Thyself with fadeless light as with a garment, throb through the fevered veins of our times. With the uplifted gaze, with the eyes of the spirit, may we catch a glimpse of the Eternal; let it be the answer to our waiting, doubting hearts. Impress us that our right to be in this Chamber is our absolute fidelity to common duty; herein lie honor and distinction. To this end, our Father of mercy, may we lift up a standard for the people—a standard of brotherhood of man, of civic and religious liberty, of the glory of the excellency of the kingdom of God on earth. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1939

O SPIRIT OF TRUTH, send us forth today in obedience to the imperative command of our commission. Thou who made known our Father's name, warm our hearts with the splendor of that revelation; deliver us from the spirit of fearfulness. Merciful God, move our country into a wider, broader day and let it be blest not with corruptible things but with justice, good will, and brotherhood. Behind and beneath all are the potencies of love and longing which Thou alone can satisfy. Forbid, blessed Lord, that we should stand by the sea of human life and realize no God and see no home beyond the horizon. Take unto Thy care our President, our Speaker, and the whole congressional body; put Thy seal upon us and a deep consciousness of our sonship in our breasts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1939

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever.

HEAVENLY FATHER, at the altar of prayer we give Thee praise and our humble devotion. Thou who art so abundant in wisdom, help us to live by our higher natures. Inspire this day by Thy holy presence that our labors may conform to the precepts of the Teacher of Nazareth. Thou who dost breathe upon the cloud, lifts the mist and reveals the shore line to the courageous mariners, give clearness of vision and show the truth to all who seek it. May the power of the Most High God move among all the peoples of the earth and let His glory fill the whole world. We beseech Thee to remember the sick. However cold the day, weak the hand, or dim the sky, be with them as an angel of light in their presence. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1939

As we wait at Thy footstool, our Heavenly Father, may prayer be the breath of our souls. We pray that we may be prepared for the work of life, for the busy crowd, for the fields of commerce, for the vicissitudes of defeat, and for the experience of sorrow. Teach us, O Lord, the spirit of charity for the views not our own, for human wants and needs. O teach us that whosoever excludes his brother is not a disciple of Thine. Fill us with the joy of helping the jaded, the rapture of saving the fallen, the thrill of appeasing the desert hunger. Blessed Lord, do Thou so establish our hearts, thus making us gentle and generous with our fellows. Light our candle; may we see the bow in the cloud. Herein is the Christ with open heart and mind, sweet in comfort and divine in compassion. In His name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1939

Eternal God, our Father, we pray for Thy blessing upon the truth as it shall be spoken today; may it do good, excite thought, and lead us to do our whole duty. O let us see the pitying Saviour in the city and in the desert place and transform all closed hearts. Let us hear the cry of the weary, feel the pulse of the struggling; haunt us with the thought of the homeless, and thus shall our love be perfected in stony places. Almighty God, let Thy will be done in our Nation. Make it strong, not for selfishness nor aggression but for those who seek liberty and sit in darkness. Help us to see ourselves; it is easier to be good in a garden than in the slum; it is easier to love God on the mountain peak than in the throes of poverty. Blessed Lord, the opportunity is ours; the door is open; lead us on. In the name of our Saviour.

Now we wait, Heavenly Father, and hear us. The clouds are low and forbidding. Again we stand on Jordan's banks and hear the sighing of the turbulent waves. One faithful and true in public and private life has left us. The other hour, when he breathed his last, the heavens opened and his manly soul became immortal. God bless his memory unto us and abide with great comfort and peace with his loved ones. In the blessed name of our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1939

Gracious is the Lord and righteous, yea, our God is merciful. Thou whose presence pervades all space with rays of the divine light, reverently we wait for Thy blessing. Thou who holdest the stars in their courses and fillest the earth with Thy glory, bestow upon us as a people the strength of Thy wisdom and the justice of Thy judgment. Be with us, our Father, and clothe us with the greatest victory of life, which is the conquest of worry and an escape from the corroding stains of envy and hate. Still sound in our ears "be strong and of good courage." Inspire us with the power to expand, seek knowledge, and hold fast to those forces that main-

tain our Nation. Let Thy kingdom come in all hearts. Help us to think pure thoughts, speak kindly, and do noble deeds. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, this day may we hallow Thy holy name by thought, word, and deed; forbid, gracious Lord, that we should ever take it in vain. We rejoice that Thy fatherhood makes the whole world akin; it deepens in the minds of men right and truth. We fervently pray Thee that where chaos reigns order may prevail and where lawlessness runs riot there may come recovered strength of well-organized society. Most blessed Spirit, inspire us with Thy guidance, cleanse that which is sordid, heal that which is wounded, and may we ever cherish that which is right and just. Come, our Father, be our repose in labor, our support in conflict, and our sweetest refreshment in affliction, and thine shall be the praise. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, with whom time and space are nothing and life in Thee is life indeed, to Thee we pray with humble hearts. For Thy name's sake consider and hear us. Awaken deeply in us the divinity that we may have uninterrupted communion with Thee. Take from us unrighteous thoughts, ignoble desires, and selfish ambitions that we may live each day with our associates in the spirit of brotherhood. Help us to so labor for our fellows that they may have life in its fullness of liberty, pursuit of happiness, in peace and dignity. He who lives right serves wisely, and he whose heart responds to the needs of man is our country's true benefactor. Heavenly Father, always enable us to preserve what is best. Persuade us, blessed Lord, that it lies in a broad charity, in wide tolerance, and in a sincere respect for the opinions of others. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1939

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN and in every manifestation of living nature, we turn our thoughts to Thee with the approach of these sacred moments. Thou art now here; we regret that we are not better. Forgive us, dear Lord, and give us another chance. So strengthen us that we shall avoid that which impairs the tenderness of conscience, obscures the sense of God, or takes the inspiration from spiritual things. We thank Thee for all our hopes and for the delight in sweet anticipations. Enable us to labor patiently, accept discipline willingly, and do our work as men strong, brave, and true. Let us yield ourselves to the Spirit Divine, who gives vision, freshness, and bestows blessings richly to enjoy. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1939

O MERCIFUL GOD, OUR FATHER, let Thy ear be attentive to the voice of our supplication. We thank Thee for Thyself and for as much of the revelation as we can understand. We pray Thee that Thou wilt make Thyself known by all the tokens which are needful and by all the trials which are helpful and by all the discipline which cleanses. Heavenly Father, may we listen to the inner voice, heed its divine command, and set our ambition on fine achievements for our people. Make manifest unto us the high worth of the entire truth, entire honor, and entire fidelity. Unite us to Thee by those nobler dispositions and spiritual qualities that we may arise above the lower ranges of human life. Breathe Thy holy blessings upon our President, our Speaker, and the Congress assembled, and may the spirit of brotherhood prevail among us. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1939

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, we are deeply thankful when we think of the Lord God at Bethel, in the manger, on the cross, and on the mount. Cause us this day some message of Thy truth to bring; speak through our lives and our lips as we work for things to be. As we pray may we harken unto Thy word: "A man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." O kindle our souls with enthusiastic love and devotion. Let the Rock with its restful shadow shelter us. When the wind of trial is fiercest, be our hiding place; when the blasting tempest affrights us and the way leads through the desert of unfruitful experience; when hopes wither and plans are defeated, be Thou a refreshing stream of water in the barren places. In the name of the Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1939

O the depths of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out.

HEAVENLY FATHER, help us to hope, pray and aspire with faith and confidence, for in Thee we live and move and have our being; thus may the tangled webs of life be unraveled and misunderstandings made clear. Thou who art the source of all good, be with us that we enter not into temptation and do wrong to no man. Very soon, blessed Lord, give answer to that prayer which falls from countless lips each day: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven," and unto Thee be eternal praises. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1939

THOU WHO ART ONE GOD, MAKER AND RULER OF ALL AND FATHER OF ALL MERCY, we come before Thy presence with thanksgiving; we worship and bow down before the Lord our God. Let Thy spirit be upon us, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might. We praise Thee for life. It is a divine gift and to be used for noble ends, to increase in value as the years go by and to grow richer as it nears the skies. Father in Heaven, teach us the great art of working together in peace and in harmony in all the affairs of state. O blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, that walketh in His ways. As watchers of our land, let Thy hand be upon us. More and more stir in us the supreme realities of the soul. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1939

THOU, ANCIENT OF DAYS, when the earth felt its first throb of life, it was touched to form by Thine infinite spirit. Thou didst gather it up and shape it into unjarring harmonies. O help us to live in the revealing glory of the Light of the World. O bread of life, come to the souls of men, lift us high to the still place where we may know of Thine unsearchable riches. Enable us to think true thoughts and speak true words. A pure thought breathed into the blossom of a pure word is an inspiration to good and upright living. Almighty God, allow not the air of uncertainty to tremble before our gaze. May we discern clarity, intention, and purpose in the trend of things. O make bare Thine arms. Fold them about our President, our Speaker, and the Congress; and may they declare that greatness which makes men great. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1939

THOU WHO ART THE UNCREATED ONE, our times are in Thy hands. We praise Thee for our Father's world. Do Thou substitute the higher unity as revealed in our Lord and Master for the clanging discord of nations. Loose our country from all fears and may it see aright. Clothe the Congress with a compelling strength; may we be the sons of the morning, walking and laboring in the light and promise of a new day. Unaffrighted by the skies above, undismayed by the earth beneath, help us to learn more of the deeper, richer meaning of the ministry of our Saviour. For the day and hour, for the moments of victory and for the scenes of defeat, for the pleasures of the happy and for the sorrows of the sad, may we be grateful with a song in the heart. Just now, our Father, our thoughts are wrapped in the shadows. Comfort Thou the stricken parents and may The Tree of Life stretch its perfumed branches above their appealing gaze. Heaven would be so lonesome without such as Millard. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1939

MOST COMPASSIONATE GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, enable us to walk in the old way, the everlasting way of a living faith. Let these moments be Thy silence; may they arrest our souls. The world is saddened because of the death of him who was the spiritual leader of an earth-wide church. Mankind finds a common ground in its great loss and sorrow. Calm and serene, his last breath bore the gentle touch of peace. He wore the garment of our Saviour's spirit. He will continue to weave it by the light of eternity as he did by the light of time. We praise Thee, Almighty God, for the abiding inheritance he has left to the boundless races of men. While the earth was struggling in the turbulent sea of the cursed depths of war, he stood amid the storm. While it was engulfed in the furnace of bitter hate, he rested his spiritual eye on the seamless robe and the spotless vestment. We thank Thee that Thy messenger marked the star in the darkness and hailed the dove in the deluge. He stretched forth his hands, clinging to the cross, and yearned for the brotherhood of man. We beseech Thee that Thy spirit may brood and have sway over bruised and troubled humanity; thus may it be brought back to God. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1939

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1939

MOST GRACIOUS FATHER, we praise Thee that the light of another day has broken on our mortal vision. Duties await us; responsibilities are upon us. May the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1939

O changeless One, life's guide and spiritual goal, stimulate our thoughts with the blessedness of the riches of Thy goodness, mercy, love, and pity. May all hearts be joined together in the common love of our common Father and grant that all laws and institutions may feel Thy presence. O gather into Thy encircling arms and soft mothering bosom the sick in all homes and in all institutions. Be the angel of light and hope upon their immortal souls like dawn upon the hills of earth. Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1939

Our Father in Heaven, guardian of the night season and the creator of the morning dawn, may we not fail to look eagerly to Thee for our guidance, seeking no other reward than Thine approval. We thank Thee for our daily blessings poured forth from Thine inexhaustible stores of divine love. By Thy mercies may we follow after love, the soul's immortal purpose, life's most blessed attainment, and heaven's most glorious vocation. O let it rise to the highest sphere and become an example, an inspiration, and a compelling witness. Be Thou the deliverer of everyone from care, trouble, and sickness. May they see the rainbow of good health and promise beyond all suffering and falling tears. In good health, in strength of mind, body, and soul do Thou keep our President, our Speaker, and all Members of the Congress. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1939

We wait, dear Lord, with quiet thought, with quiet prayer, and with a sense of Thy fatherhood. For all Thy mercies we praise Thy holy name. Draw nigh unto us and give vision, tenderness, freshness, and power richly to enjoy. How blessed are those tides of emotion when Thou art near; the horizon widens and the soul feels the higher state of assurance. Thou, the giver of peace, guard us against discord and enmities. Gird us with patience, bounding hope, and with strength to live nobly. Raise up those in our country who with singleness of purpose and clear understanding will help our people to the knowledge of Thy ways and will. May the glorious day soon dawn when the nations shall awaken to the rich privileges of the kingdom of God on earth, in which wisdom is more precious than gold, yea, than much fine gold. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1939

They that trust in the Lord are as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people, from this time forth and for evermore.

REMIND US, BLESSED FATHER, that the secret of a true life is in Thee. Thou wilt fill the sphere of life with beauty and fruitfulness, with vision and victory. We pray Thee to enable us to bring character to its highest unruffled temper, unmurmuring patience, charity that thinketh no evil, and cleanness of life as modest as it is unblemished. May we rise and set our affections on things above the earth. We praise Thee that love is written on the sunbeams of every morning. Wilt Thou bless us and prepare us for this day? In the sacred name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1939

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, in the name of our Master we pray. In His earthly life, by precept and example, He rebuked every excess and defect and became the source of hope and encouragement to restless and frail human nature. O let His voice proclaim insistently today: "In the wilderness clear ye the way of the Lord and in the desert a highway for our God"—a highway of human dignity, human and moral worth, and of ennobling faith. We humbly pray Thee to come and cleanse the arteries of our Republic of all un-Americanism, break down all barriers of race and creed, penetrate the shadows that may be deep and engulfing, and subdue the relics of paganism. Heavenly Father, be with each one of us. The assailable place in our character, the weak link in the chain of our virtues, do Thou make strong and forge into enduring fiber. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1939

WE PRAISE THEE, ALMIGHTY GOD, for the Son of Man, who revealed the Father's heart to the children of men. When we ponder His words, touch His raiment, and catch His whisper, the more complete and useful are our lives. We thank Thee that the fountain of life is very near all believers. He will fill us with vitality and cleanse us from all sin. Blessed Lord, persuade us to seek Him. Though the path at times may be rough and steep, checkered with toil and care, Thou wilt quicken the spirit with soft and silent refreshment; Thou wilt bless and inspire with conscious power. O Father wonderfully fix the limits of human frailty. May we pass today in sound reasonableness, assured peace, and in the quietness of hope, which is our strength and bulwark. May the Great Teacher be present, who is the power of God and the wisdom of God. In His holy and eternal name. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1939

TO THEE, O LORD, we breathe our grateful prayer of praise. For the refreshment of divine truth and love, for the bread that feeds the immortal soul, for the treasures of conquering faith, and for the gift of Him who brings tidings of peace on earth to men of good will—for these undying blessings do Thou receive our humble thanks. Grant that our thoughts may be large, our ideals lofty, and our service heroic. As servants of our Republic, help us to set them forth in actual life and in practical conduct. Heavenly Father, remember the great army of workers who serve without trumpet, whose names are written only in the book of human life. Almighty God, multiply their numbers and increase their power, and assure them that they will yet change the scarred face of this torn earth. We beseech Thee to swell the current of peace that comes from across the sea. May it surge and live until the legions of war are transformed into the ranks of good will and brotherhood and lifted to the higher states of power and blessing. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1939

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou art our refuge; hidden in the pavilion of the Most High, Thou wilt never leave or forsake us. Lest there be confusion and humiliating memories, we pray Thee to give depth to feelings, convert opinions into convictions, sentiments into principles, and let our failures be in the melting shadows of the past. In the bustle of commerce, in the conflict of affairs, and in the heated ways of public life, grant that our people may fear God and be saved from the blind allegiance to external things. O make the weak strong and keep the strong from pride and domination; it is before Thee that the rights of the lowliest are most respected. We pray that Thy name may be honored and glorified in the marvelous strength of our country. Let Thy fatherly care and protection be with our President, our Speaker, and the Congress. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1939

O LORD, OUR LORD, holy, holy, holy is Thy name and righteousness is the habitation of Thy throne. We pray not for ease but for the way, the truth, and the light. Let Thy word be a lamp to our feet and a guide to our path. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord." Teach us, Heavenly Father, that this priceless heritage is perfect in its character and perpetual in its obligation. Neither time nor age can wither nor breathe upon it. We pray Thee to let the day come when it shall shine forth as the sun in Thy kingdom on

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earth. Let it radiate in pure noble deeds in the common walks of life for the love of mankind. May the Christ and His spirit be our daily inspiration. In His holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1939

WE DRAW NEAR TO THEE, our all-wise and loving Father, with grateful testimony for Thy goodness. So marvelous are Thy mercies and their manifestations that our hearts say: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life." Let the blessed thought inspire us to renewed efforts and consecration. Hear us, for since the ages began Thou hast heard the voices of this world. Thou art the refuge from all who bear false witness, from all who judge without knowledge, and from all who hate. Fill us with Thy spirit, with a new purpose, with new zeal and ardor, and let us reach forth toward a better manhood. Grant, O merciful Giver, that the inward and divine power of truth may be infused into every needy and hungry heart. May we do good when it tries our faith, may we do good when we are lightly esteemed among men, may we do good when no word is spoken and the response is noiseless, may we do good even as our Master did. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1939

(*Commemoration ceremony in honor of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the commencement of the First Congress of the United States under the Constitution*)

MOST GRACIOUS LORD OF MANKIND, Thou wert our fathers' God. In Thee they trusted and were never put to shame. In darkness Thou didst give them light, in danger succor, and in perplexity guidance. O blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Today we seek to do homage to it because of its ideals. Our soil bears the footprints of the glorious company of apostles of liberty and humanity. They closed old epochs and ushered in new ones by declaring the rights of God and man; may we ever love their labors with the breath of life. O breathe upon this great people the same wisdom, the same sacrificial devotion, and the same ambition for the highest treasures which bring in their train all earthly good. We love and cherish our homeland and rejoice that by Thy merciful providence we were reared beneath its benignant skies. Grant, blessed Lord, that a fervent and unwearied love of country may be so strong that tyrants and their cohorts may never be able to loosen the fireproof foundations of our democracy. Preserve us from all revolutionary passions and the rolling tides of war; continue to be the anchor of our Nation's thoughts and the guardian of its soul. Thine shall be the praise forever. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1939

Our Heavenly Father, a strange sense of calm comes over us as we wait at the altar of prayer. Here may we gather the fairest, the gladdest, and the holiest memories of the soul. Grant us love without stain, vision of the truth unveiled, and assurance of Thy shelter and care. We love life; while it is very brief, it is very sacred and very grand because it is the merciful gift of a good God. May we esteem time so highly that not a day shall pass without reflecting some of Heaven's goodness. May we dread to walk in green pastures with no sense of their richness, stand under the skies with no eye for their majesty, or hear the invisible voices with no ear for their sweetness. We pray that Thy manifold mercies may be the urge of our sacrifice. O may our homes remind us of the homeless, our bread of the hungry, our friends of the solitary, and our paths of the footsore and weary. Thou who art in the briefest flower and in the smallest star, hear our humble prayer. In the holy name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1939

O Thou who art infinitely great and good, who hast set Thy glory above the heavens, create within us clean hearts; make our souls the sanctuary of Thy spirit. Impart unto us strength for our needs. In all that pertains to the issues of this day, possess us with Thy spirit that we may see clearly the way and walk fearlessly in consonance with the highest dictates of conscience. We earnestly pray Thee to make us rich in love that we may lose ourselves; fill us with faith that we may endure hardness and labor for the value of man, for whom our Saviour made the supreme sacrifice. From generation to generation may His voice resound through this burdened world. Heavenly Father, put a cross in our hearts; at its altar may we kneel, and henceforth may it be tomorrow's crown. Enable us to think nobly and to act worthily in the vocation whereunto our country has commissioned us. In the name of the Master. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 1939

Eternal Spirit, we are grateful for a continuance of Thy mercies. Suns may forget to rise and set, tides to ebb and flow, but Thou, O Christ, art the unerring One: "The same yesterday, today, and forever." O Lord and Master of us all, whose crown of thorns mocks the diadems of mortal monarchs, whose scepter is a broken reed, sway the nations to the Christian service of man. Marshal them, we pray Thee, into forms of everlasting grace, and may they bring forth concordant raptures of fraternity and brotherhood. As the clouds that cluster about the morning star fade into a new day, so may humanity journey through the morning shades and come to the glory of a new-found vision. Heavenly Father, come and make earth's broken things whole—broken faiths, broken loves, broken hearts, and broken lives. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 1939

WE PRAISE THEE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, that Thou hast again bestowed upon us rich and abundant blessings. May we express our gratitude by serving the humblest need. To Thee we lift our drooping hands in unspoken prayer; so many voices of the human breast are too sacred for speech. Forgive our quivering faith and pity us in our limitations, in our tendencies, and in our sins. Bless and strengthen us with that peace which Thou hast promised to the untroubled heart. Even the darkness hidest not from Thee, but the night shineth as the day. We bless Thee that Thou art in the shadows keeping watch above Thine own. Heavenly Father, redden our horizon with a glowing hope, and may we rejoice in health, happiness, and in the pride of life. We pray that the right may be defended and the wrong defied that the vices of today may become the virtues of tomorrow. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1939

ETERNAL AND EVERLASTING GOD AND OUR FATHER, we thank Thee for the hidden spring within us which bids us bow and pray and urges us upward and onward; it bridges the gulf and makes the continuity of life an abiding reality. We praise Thee for Him who is the light of life, who imparts His calm fearlessness to all who put their trust in Him. Almighty God, remember the suffering and the homeless in all warring lands. They are washed by bitter tears, lashed by stinging shame, and driven by wanton cruelty; oh, here is a pathos too deep for words. May the believers of the holy, humane Saviour move courageously in the highways of progress. We pray that they may traverse the beaten ways of this shuddering earth and bless and save those who are trembling on the verge of despair. We entreat Thee that the spirit of monstrous inhumanity may be removed from beneath and heaven be shaken down from above. In the spirit of the world's immortal Peacemaker. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1939

LORD OF ALL BEING, throned afar, we pray in overcoming faith and in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Thou who art our fathers' God, who made the mother's heart, we pray for that will and fortitude that will enable us to do the truth. Come with us and give us the strength to speak the brave word and live the brave life. Heavenly Father, lead us through the disorders and the halting weaknesses of human nature which fetter the sympathy of the heart. May we be generous toward the ungrateful, gracious to the unthankful, do good to the bad, and teach the cruel the way of kindliness. Bless us each day with breadth of sympathy and broadness of vision. At eventime whisper quietness; may we give ourselves pause to meditate on the deep things of the soul, on time and its meaning, and on life and its

mysteries. With godlike power, may our immortal spirits touch the depths and the heights of the unseen world.

Now, Heavenly Father, we pause a moment in memory of him, honorable in public service, true to all the trusts of private life. We are reminded of our mortality. In the midst of life we are in death. We bid this honorable Member an affectionate farewell. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1939

Lord God of heaven and earth, we praise Thee for Him who revealed the divine fatherhood of man. As we remember that He is the humanized heart of the Infinite One, may we banish fear, defeat, and despair. We pray that we may be tireless in leading others to be more courageous, more hopeful, and more joyous; may we know that the great failure of life is self-surrender. As Thou dost require us to be true and faithful, clothe us with the vestments of justice and consecrated activity. Heavenly Father, in a world of partial glimpses and broken lights, guard us against the blind forces that would destroy the foundations of democracy. May we be inspired with the radiant visions of the ideal in government and with zealous yearning for all that is fair, lovely, and of good report. We pray for our President, our Speaker, and the Congress that the affairs of state may be administered wisely and that the bonds of peace and cooperation may grow stronger between us and the peoples of all lands. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1939

Our Heavenly Father, we wait in the deeper quiet that flows beneath the noisy streams of life. Thou hast said: "O man, all is thine." Spring's emerald, summer's glory, autumn's gold, winter's white, and eternity are thine. Morning, noon, and night are thine; Christ is thine, and He is God's. Praises be to Him from whom all blessings flow. We give thanks unto Thee, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Gracious Lord, let Thy blessing rest upon any who may find duty difficult and who may be burdened with care. Endue us with the spirit of divine charity. A good deed reaches the hearts of men. O Thou who hast known the way of sorrow and, through it, the way of immortal triumph, remember those who may be on the weary couch of affliction. Let Thy love sustain and comfort them. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1939

Almighty God, fount of all goodness and source of all power, we rejoice that the Eternal Mind was in the Incarnation. Into a harsh and benighted age this ideal type of Teacher came to infuse a holy conception of truth and brotherhood into the human life of this world. His age-old voice, yet new as the breath of the morning, still declares that the crushing

afflictions, overwhelming as they are, in the balance of time are light and for the moment. His banner of the dawn will yet wave in triumph over the ruins of a vanishing night. Blessed Lord, may we trust in Thy strength and guidance. Endue us with clear thinking, cool judgment, and spiritual heroism; there is a humanity being brooded over by divine care. Heavenly Father, we turn our face to Thee while sin-seared minds are contriving unknown highways of death and destruction. O help us to work and pray, to live and die for the luminous truth of the world's Saviour, whose thought may we breathe, whose power may we exhale, and whose life may we live. In His adorable and holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 1939

HEAVENLY FATHER, SPIRIT OF TRUTH, come and guide us into all truth. Thou who knowest our thoughts and readest our lives, be the master of our hearts; dominate them until they lose their weakness. We pray Thee to restore all things to their noble use; purify them from the taint of lust and selfishness; make them sweet again as in the golden age, when our dear Lord walked in the garden in the cool of the morning. Father of mercies, there are wounds and afflictions which pierce the heart and open at the touch. Do Thou be most graciously near the couches of our sick and afflicted Members. Thou who dost heed the sparrow's fall, hear the sighs of the aching breast and put Thy tender hand on the breaking heart; bless and comfort them with the sweetness of calm and rest. However frail the flesh, worn the form, or weak the hand, may the heart be strong. Of Thy fullness may we all receive. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1939

BLESSED ART THOU, O LORD GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH. Incline our hearts to keep Thy law. Help us to accept our joys as Thy blessings, our duties as Thy commands, and our sorrows as Thine appointments. Endue us with such a strong faith that shall enable us to believe that Thou wilt turn that which seems harmful to us into everlasting good. So influence our wayward wills that we shall not walk in selfish ways, nor forget the bonds which bind us one to another. For Thy goodness and mercy, for the opportunity of service, for love and sympathy, we thank Thee. Of all this wondrous world we see, Thou art, O God, its life and light; all things fair and bright declare Thy glory. Dear Lord, forgive our failures and keep us ever Thine; so shall we be rich, indeed. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1939

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank Thee for the love that keeps us through the night and for that renewed strength that through our being flows. Conscious of our needs, we rejoice in the assurance of the divine

Fatherhood. We are thankful for the infinite compassion of the Christ, for His conquest of evil and for His rise to moral grandeur. We beseech Thee that His holy hand may touch our energies, converting them into deep resolution, growing self-restraint, affection, and devotion. We pray that the Sun of Righteousness may rise until His full-orbed glory shall stand midheaven above our homeland; our hope and faith are in Thee and in mankind.

In Him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through Him and unto Him; and He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

We pray in His holy name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1939

Eternal God, our Father, we rejoice, since Thou art the fountain of all life, that Thou has manifested Thyself in the Christ our Saviour; in Him is the plenitude of Thy patience, mercy, and benevolent love. We pray Thee to take away all fear—the fear of the present and the fear of the future. Nothing can separate us from the love of God; Thou art our hope and shield, our armor and our defense. We praise Thee that Thou hast laid Thy scepter upon that which is noblest in human nature; do Thou open the living way for all who may be burdened and tempted beyond their endurance; soften sobs into sweet harmonies and blend discords into psalms of praise. Thou who knowest the secret of life and the mystery of death, we thank Thee for the splendor of that light which broke upon the world in the glorious Resurrection. We wait; there is a void in our breasts; there is a silence in our hearts. A notable Christian gentleman has left us. Well done thou good and faithful servant. So long as faith, hope, and love live, so long the immortality of the soul is assured. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1939

O Christ of God, come out of the mystery which was before the world, out of the wonder of the oldest star, and make Thy righteous acts manifest; to be sure of Thee is life's deepest lesson. We rejoice that Thou art the way, the door, and the glory of immortality; help us to find in Thee the richest meaning of the soul. We beseech Thee to give us Thy peace, not a lifeless calm but a glowing, creative serenity that refuses to be disturbed by the tumult of earth. How blessed is that life that we may live in the spiritual uplands which touch the Divine. We thank Thee that whatever virtues which make men better, enlarge their horizon, and make them heirs of two worlds cometh from the Teacher of Nazareth. In the name of our dear Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1939

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, before Thine infinite throne we pause and pray in the name of the Prophet of human brotherhood; help us to hate the things that make Thee mourn. Forgive us and let us know that behind every judgment beats the heart of divine tenderness. We bless Him who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross. Alone He dares, defies, and forsakes all, and takes His place in the final scene of earth's greatest tragedy. May we endure it with Him in every moral movement, in every appeal that comes from the bed of pain, and in every cry that bursts from a breaking heart. Dear Lord God, persuade us that when love becomes frozen in the cold embrace of selfishness we die as we have lived, alone. It is love that gilds life and gives it worth. We pray that His bright and morning star may shine in the firmament of our souls. This day may we work diligently, be altogether considerate in word and deed, and the seal of Thine approval shall be upon our lips. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1939

ETERNAL GOD, we thank Thee that Thine only begotten Son taught us to say "Our Father"; in these undying words are our utmost need and hope. We praise Thee that here is our spiritual fortune; may it glow with vision and inflame with power. Since we cannot by searching find Thee out, may we strive to learn of Thee by becoming more like our Elder Brother. Look upon us; love us and prepare us to know Him better. May we patiently bear with human infirmities as Thou dost bear with ours. We earnestly entreat Thee that our great country, founded upon thousands of precious influences, may continue to be strong for justice, goodness, and the right. O may the Christ, "The Light of the World," reinvade our skies with clear, white solemnity until all selfish shrines are no more; thus spiritual night shall fade before the glorious illumination of the inner dawn. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1939

HEAVENLY FATHER OF MANKIND, we thank Thee that we cannot fall out of the hands of the living God. The hands that sparkle the darkness with floods of light, that take up the morning stars and make them chime their melodies, that hold the seas in their hollow are the same hands that nestle His children in their palms. We rejoice that the tabernacle of God is with men and that He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them and be their God. Forgive, blessed Lord, forgive when our souls go blind toward Thee, when covetousness closes the doors of our hearts, when indifference pauperizes and outrages the finer feelings, and when we neglect the way of life made warm by the blood and

tears gone before. O God, in this strange and varied life, quivering with veiled tragedies, trembling with unsolved mysteries, help us to build the house of our soul of deep foundational purity and thus stand related to the precious gifts of life. In the name of our holy Redeemer. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1939

O Loving, Living Father, we thank Thee that our times are in Thy hands. Thy mercies are fresh every morning and new every night. We pray that Thy wisdom may lead us to seek the harmonies of law and grace. O let the bigness of our lives and the richness of our service spring out of the higher unity as revealed by the Teacher of Galilee. Help us to respond to every whisper of truth and every appeal of humanity. We praise Thee for life deep, boundless, and everlasting and deathlessly nourished. We rejoice that the wings of the morning are not strong enough to bear us away from Thy hovering providence. In the immortal name of the Christ. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1939

O Lamb of God, in the hush of these moments, we praise Thee for the message of human redemption. In it there is so much of hope and confidence that the future is to grow brighter and better. We thank Thee for the blessedness of those truths which Thou hast made universal. They teach us to reckon lightly the things of time, the delights of the flesh, and the treasures of earth. Give peace to hearts that are disturbed and release to those who are tempted. O Lord of the vineyard, whose every breath is healing and recovery, bathe every sense of our being with purity and tenderness; O make us the temples of Thy spirit and the vessels of Thy grace. Cause the blighted and the wasted places of our spiritual garden to blossom as the rose and bear fruits immortal. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1939

O Thou Saviour of the world, bid us enter the secret place that we may commune with Thee. We rejoice that the heart of the infinite God will never cease to bless until the sun goes empty of light, the stars forget to shine and the universe itself is lost. He is over all and blessed for evermore. O speak Thy benediction to us: "Thou shalt speak peace to the nations; and Thy dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the river even to the ends of the earth. Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Thy kingdom is the scepter of righteousness." O lead Thy white battalions against the hosts of rebellion which are error against truth, oppression against justice, and frightfulness against humanity. Inscribe in letters of living light across the skies: "King of kings and Lord of lords." May a chivalrous faith discern the coming of the peace of God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 1939

O LORD AND MASTER OF US ALL, who cometh with eternity in His heart, we exult that desolation or chaos cannot overwhelm Thee. Without the weapons of carnal strife, fire or blood, Thou wilt lift Thy cross: "I, if I be lifted above the earth, will draw all men unto Me." We thank Thee that Thine arms embrace the whole world and Thy love is as vast as the firmament; nothing unpierced by human thought can cause Thy failure. The angelic hosts make bare Thy sovereignty, and from the lips of little children issue the proclamation of Thy royalty. The shrine of Deity, soiled and despoiled of its sanctity, Thou wilt cleanse and fill with the radiance of Thy holiness; this we pray with a greater passion of entreaty. O these temples of our souls, these restless hearts and fevered brains, cause them to awaken and live and go forth conquering and to conquer, enduring humiliation with poverty, with jealousy, and with the shadow of shame; even may death find us faithful to the last. Unto the Lord of glory be eternal praises. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1939

O THOU ETERNAL CHRIST OF GOD, from Olivet to Calvary in lonely pomp ride on; in the hush about the cross we wait for Thee; may Thy love and forgiveness lay compulsions on our souls. Anthems will soon be changed into dirges, the sun unstreaked by midnight will die at midday. O may we not remain in the desperate silence untouched and unmoved; help us to see deeper and deeper into that sacrificial love which is the heart of all. Be Thou the climax of our hopes, the height of our aspirations, and the ideal of all we would like to be. In the dearth of our prayers, in the paralysis of our praise, in the valley of our doubts, O read our hearts; let the tidings of Thy peace come from the tempest's approaching storm; we beseech Thee to fill the void places in our breasts. Graciously pity all who suffer from that ingratitude which freezes the emotions of the heart and all who have been wounded by some tragic sorrow. Be with all, that we may be living disciples of Jesus and minstrels of God—bearing the cross and sharing the redeeming love and power of the Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1939

O SAVIOUR AND REDEEMER, draw aside the veil of grief; rise as the sun from the open sky and drive away the darkness. Over against every fear, every temptation, and every want reveal Thyself with the knowledge of the great God not far away. O Thou who wilt bow the head upon the cross and pass beneath the shadow of pain and dying, pity us as we linger here. May we not mourn as those who have no hope of eternal morning after the close of a fading world. As watchers on the mountain may we wait for the dawn and rejoice in the coming glory of the future. Heavenly Father, when we draw

near to our release and emancipation and view the horizon of the spiritland, with joy and ecstasy may we enter in and find sweet employment in the spaces of eternity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1939

OUT OF THE DEPTHS OF OUR BEING, ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank Thee for the gospel of love which poured itself in all fullness on Calvary's brow. In it is the revelation of the Father's heart which makes the whole world akin. We unveil the cross and behold infinite love struggling for infinite expression; we thank Thee that in the glory of the gloom there is mercy beyond our pain. In the valley of humiliation and death, we kneel to Thee, O Christ, and glorify Thy memory. O here may we learn to serve and give, gather love to live and die. Thou art the music that knows no discord, the beauty that suffers no blemish, and the love that touches no limit. We rejoice that, through Mary's holy Child, there is a place where no eye weeps and no heart bleeds. Hearken, gracious Lord: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1939

(*Prayer offered in the United States Senate*)

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us;
That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.
Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1939

O CROWNED SON OF GOD, above the surpassing glory of sun and star, Thou hast set the lamps of heaven. We praise Thee that the permanent truth of the universe is that Jesus lives and is alive forevermore. Hope rises in our breasts and throbs response to this eternal verity. Heavenly Father, lift us to the realm of wise action; may there be no bitterness nor intemperate speech; by diligence and faithfulness may there be a wooing and a winning of that which is best. We entreat Thee for the races of men. May the Light of the World rise with healing in His wings. We are rooted in a

common soil and intertwined by the same destinies. As the spring has broken the bonds of winter by which the earth has been held prisoner, O come and light up its destitute and saddened places. Be with our President, our Speaker, and the Congress in the administration of their sacred trust. Grant O Lord that the pale, tremulous twilight of these days may soon die away into the glory and promise of a new earth, and Thine shall be the praise. Through Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 1939

OUR FATHER, HALLOWED BE THY NAME; behold us with Thine eyes, whose power is in their love, and enable our innermost selves to triumph over weak and sinful tendencies. In these times of pressure and disturbance, we pray for the manifestation of the sons of God, for men who have no wasted energies and no contagion of weariness but who are endued with the affirmation of a great faith, for men who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly but whose delight is in the law of the Lord. They shall be like trees planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth their fruit in their season. O God, we beseech Thee to enrich our lives by the flowing streams of the River of Life. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1939

ETERNAL GOD, THOU ART THE LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; we beseech Thee to have compassion upon us; forgive our sins of indifference and our barren promises. Set our hearts to seek Thy will and obey Thy commandments, blessing us with great gentleness and with wise understanding. We praise Thee for the assurance of Thy presence: "Emmanuel"—God with us. O may He be enthroned in every walk of life. Bring forth the immovable giants of righteousness and justice, the prophets of the new morning that their advancing light may irradiate this sick world. Lead us, blessed Lord, to the realization that nothing is foreign to God which is essential to man—the cup of water, food for hunger-bitten lips, and clothing for the chilled and worn bodies. Inspire us with the sweep of the Master's horizon that we may lay hold of the life that is life indeed. In the blessed name of our Redeemer. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1939

ONCE AGAIN, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, Thou dost move us into another day. In these alternations of duty and thought, action and rest, may we realize Thy blessed providence. We pray that it may call us to our appointed tasks, filling the hours with steady, faithful service, full of interest and wise endeavor. Let us not fail to see the beauty of God in the patience, the purity and tenderness of Jesus the Christ. What strength He renders the seeking heart! filling it with contentment and hope. He will give

rest in adversity; He will teach us how to feel the poetry of Nature, the sweetness of human relationships, and the satisfaction of duty. Fill our hearts with such peace that we shall be ashamed to murmur and complain. Turn our thoughts to the joy that the day holds; its opportunities, its privileges, and its triumphs. In the holy name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1939

We thank Thee, O Lord God, for the glimpse of eternal and unwearied love that peers forth from the shadow of the cross; enable us to give to Thee our unwavering love and heart's devotion. Stir the divinity within us that we may be true to ourselves, to our fellow men, and true to our Heavenly Father. O Spirit of light and truth, teach us Thy holy way in all wisdom; inspire us with that heroism which is the most heroic. Do Thou be with us in every disappointment, enlighten us in every shadow, and know us in every darkness. Heavenly Father, be with our President day by day. Grant that his appeal for peace among all nations, couched in such a human passion, may be felt around the world. O may all problems be met, answered, and solved so that the night of fear shall roll away and peace break on all lands in its full glory. O come, Prince of Peace, and may Thy broken heart heal the breaking heart of the whole human family. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1939

O Thou King Eternal, by faith may we endure as seeing Thee who art invisible. Do Thou be as strength to any who may be cast down and an inspiration to any who may be sheltered against the assaults of life. Draw near us; we pray for Thy grace and patience that we may do no harm to our convictions and impulses; we call upon Thee, O Christ, because we are poor and needy. Teach us the fortitude of unrequited toil, the strength of discipline, the sacred stillness of life's unsolved problems, and the softened meanings of all its shadows. Blessed Lord, we pray for the power of truth as it was in the Master that it may be augmented a thousandfold. O speed the day when the whole earth shall see Thy salvation and be redeemed from animalism; then joy and gladness shall reign even as they are heard throughout the heaven of heavens. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1939

We praise Thee, our Father, for all Thy mercies which Thou hast vouchsafed unto us. We thank Thee for the sublime principles enunciated by the Master and fulfilled in His incomparable life. We pray, we entreat Thee to inspire the peoples of the earth with the invincible desire for peace. Almighty God, we look for the star that preludes the morning and it is not

there; we lift our eyes to the horizon and see it not. Arise, O Morning Star, arise and never set. Oh, forgive our blindness and lack of faith. O God of might and mercy, may men everywhere feel those strong affections which spring from a common hope and a common suffering. We thank Thee for those strong, heroic souls which have caught Thy inspiration, feeling its warmth and power, are giving it to the world. Continue with us and bring forth that kingdom which Thou didst come to establish. In the holy and eternal name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1939

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we thank Thee that in the perils of this life we are safeguarded; not in our own widsom, not in our own virtue, and not in any power that we possess, but in the plentitude of Thy love and mercy. Grant Thy blessing to these Thy servants of our Republic; may they be joined together in purpose in putting into the hearts of this great people temperance, obedience, and uprightness in all things. Bless, we beseech Thee, the churches of this city and all Thy servants who preach the Gospel of our glorified Saviour; clothe them with the spirit of the Master. Encourage all those instruments by which men are seeking to turn back the tides of ignorance and crime; throughout our land may intelligence and virtue prevail. Oh, grant that those who have wandered may come again to the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls, and unto Thy name be eternal praise, In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 1, 1939

O LORD OF LIFE AND KING OF GLORY, we thank Thee that for the heart which knows Thy love there is a sacred temple. In its hush we wait in prayer. Thou who didst tread the wine press alone, speak within: "I am thy salvation, thy peace, and thy life." O there was no other good enough to pay the price of sin. In Thee may our souls find forgiveness and rest of spirit. We pray Thee come to the rescue of the world's starved heart and give it the love and strength it needs. Amid whirling eddies and rapids of hate, in which the forces of vengeance violate every just law, prepare our hearts and humble our souls when the rest of the world goes wrong. While it goes thundering past, O hold our country free from fear; keep it calm and quiet. Allow not the famine and the pestilence of war to shrink and shrivel our Nation's soul, and forbid that its poison virus may ever course the veins of our Republic. The Lord God in His great goodness so direct our President that all our people may rise to a sympathy, tenderness, and helpfulness never known before. Bless abundantly our Speaker and the Congress with calmness, confidence, and with directive wisdom. In the blessed name of the world's Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 1939

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD, O that all men might know Thy atoning Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world; Master of Truth, descend upon us that we may testify to the sublime virtue of Thy holy name. As each day sets its task, steady us with concentration and perseverance and hold us to the conviction that triumph or failure rests with us. Heavenly Father, make us altogether worthy of the world's daily life; fill us with grace that we may enjoy the passing hours. Increase the power of our faith and inspire us with the realization that happy is the man who has his open Bible, who meditates, prays, and feels that the creation itself shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. In the name of the Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1939

O GRACIOUS FATHER OF MANKIND, do Thou cleanse our prayer from all human dross and attune our hearts to Thee. Draw near us, through Christ that Thy promises may assume fresh meaning and power. O Thou who art the Father-God, who made the mother's heart like unto Thine own, care for our youth and keep them from the sin and shame which bruise the souls which love them most. When vicissitude comes, when adversity overtakes, and when the storm breaks, hold Thou the hand and cheer the trembling heart. O may the shifting sand beneath weary feet be as stable as the Rock of Ages. We praise Thee that light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart.

Speak Lord and may Thy servants hear: Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

In the adorable name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1939

O GOD OF MERCY, THE SHEPHERD OF OUR SOULS, in whose all-encircling love we dwell, we lift our hearts to Thee in prayer. We thank Thee for Thy wise, beneficent providence which redeems our lives and gives them inspiration when our strength is feeble. We pray Thee to keep us strong, for we have loads to lift and hard work to do; it matters not how deep entrenched the evil, do Thou inspire us with fortitude and courage. O let Thy kingdom come in all hearts. Thy will be done in all lives, and the name of our Father hallowed in all the earth, and unto Thee be blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor and power forever and ever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1939

God be merciful to us and bless us and cause His face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 8, 1939

THIS IS OUR FATHER'S WORLD; God reigns; let the earth be glad. O God, we look toward Thee as men look for the morning. Thou art our Sun; Thou art our Light; Thou art our Life; let us feel the heavenly touches of our blessed Saviour. No longer is there need for us to turn toward Jerusalem; our offering and our sacrifice are here. We pray Thee to clothe us with the garments of good will and poise; may we resolve to allow no man to degrade our souls by making us hate; remind us that the remedy against it is love. God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, unto whom be eternal praises world without end. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1939

O GOD OF GRACE, Thou hast overlaid the tokens of Thy power with great gentleness and with great love. O how wonderful is Thy goodness which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee before the sons of men. We beseech Thee to enable us to meet temptation unafraid and unharmed; keep us from all pride, deception of innocence; cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Teach us, O Lord, to be patient and long-suffering. Give us such a sense of humility that we shall rejoice each day that we have so many blessings instead of complaining that we have so few. Heavenly Father, clothe us with fine conceptions of manhood that the ideals of truth, honesty, and purity may grow clearer to us. We praise Thee that Thou dost deal with us in affection and Thy chastisements are for our good. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1939

O FATHER OF THIS TROUBLED WORLD, with its disturbing and subversive forces, as we lift our praying eyes to Thee, show us the power that makes men free. The throb of its surging life needs anew the pressure of Thy pierced hands. Let Thy pleading spirit that flows from Thine infinite heart work its way in bringing vital forms of faith, hope, and courage to all the elements of

Christian civilization. Notwithstanding the darkness of the earthly atmosphere, the fogs and the vapors which rise from its valleys, we humbly entreat Thee to extend our horizon that we may see a glorious future gleaming through gates ajar. O Thou who didst feed the loveless, whose gentle hand led the blind, redress the human hearts which are in anguish on the breast of Mother Earth. In the name of the Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, UNTO WHOM ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 15, 1939

GRACIOUS LORD, THOU WHO GIVEST FREELY AND LARGELY, impress us that only he who forgets to hoard has learned how to live. Shame the heart that dreams only of blessings past and sees not the cheerful offerings which Nature sings in joy and hope; how manifold are Thy mercies. Garden, field, and hillside are covered with a mantle of green which promise a rich and an abundant harvest. Heavenly Father, how much more wonderful are Thy gifts to the souls of men through Christ. Do Thou possess our hearts and minds that we may resist evil and overcome difficulty. Amid turbulent conditions and mental disquietude, unfold to men everywhere the deep things of the soul. The Lord bless and preserve the ideals of our Republic and establish the work of these Thy servants. In the name of our Saviour who became obedient to Calvary's cross. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 1939

O THOU WHO ART OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD, as we lift our prayer to Thee, hush our spirits into peace. In the plenitude of Thy love, each of us has received the blessing of land and sea, of sunlight and starlight. They have crowned us as though we were Thy only earthly children. We praise Thee that hast mercies for the poorest and humblest. As we look skyward may we remember the Bethels where Thou hast tarried to forgive and bless. For our sins we ask the mercy of the cross and for our lives the benediction of Thy love and care. We pray Thee, our Father, to walk with us toward our Emmaus; make Thyself known to us and reveal the unsearchable riches of the soul. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1939

O THOU WHO ART OUR GOD AND BLESSED FOREVERMORE, we thank Thee for the fellowship of men and for the hopeful realization of the brotherhood of all classes. We pray that we may know Christ in us as the restraining power and the inspiration of duty. In this hall of legislation, may there be mutual trust and cooperation. Strengthen us with understanding minds and sanctified hearts, and may Thy wisdom be translated into our labors. Bless us with the spirit of optimism instead of regrets; let the stars of promise break up the night and shine in beauty. We pray for our President and all his advisers, for our Speaker and the Congress; do Thou inspire them with the energy of Thy power and purpose; and unto Thee be eternal praise through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1939

UNTO THEE, O GOD, do we lift up our hearts in prayer. Hear Thou us from Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, forgive. Thy mercies are before us, and we wonder at Thy care. We pray Thee to take us into sacred nearness with Thyself. Do Thou lead our leaders and teach our teachers and direct us all out from social bondage and from the burdens which unrighteous ambitions may have laid upon us. Inspire us to unselfish endeavor, so may this new day bring good cheer to our country. O Sunlight of peace and power, illumine our spiritual natures that we may understand clearly Thy will, and incline our hearts to do it. Be with any who may have wandered far and bring them back to a holy faith. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 1939

O GOD OF GLORY AND LORD OF LOVE, help us to commit our ways unto Thee and trust in Thee, for all Thy paths are mercy and truth unto such as keep Thy covenant. We pray that we may walk the way of life in holy confidence. We earnestly beseech Thee to be with our country; may industry turn its wheels more and more until countless workers shall have employment and bread enough and to spare. We pray for the rich that they may help the poor, for the strong that they may stoop to the weak. O help us all to live that life that shall be good enough to last forever. Inspire us with a boundless faith founded on the revelation of Thy will, and bring us at last to see Thy face in peace. In the holy name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son, for the patience of Thy love, and for the guidance of Thy spirit. O Thou who has trod the path of prayer, teach us how to pray and take us unto Thy loving heart. The desert blossoms as the rose, and springs break out in the parched ground

when we walk with Thee. O may the inner light never fail and our feet never falter in the way. So pervade our hearts as to sanctify our failures and give us confidence for the work we have yet to do. Grant that our ministries today may lead us to thoughtful obedience to Thy will; may we feel the challenge of an earnest call to help our day and generation in every holy thing. Unto Thee be eternal praise, world without end. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1939

HOLY SPIRIT, FAITHFUL GUIDE, descend and bless us all with great peace and comfort. Only as the heart is pure, humble, and hopeful can we accept and adjust ourselves tranquilly to the severities and experiences of life. O Lord God, to whom shall we go but unto Thee? Thou hast promised us a covert while the waters are troubled. We bow beneath a heavy cloud. O Christ, embark upon the deep and breast the wave. Give prospect of rescue and life to those whose hearts are torn by anxious waiting. May they listen and hear the upper song. We are thankful for the blessed hopes of the human soul.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep,
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril upon the sea.

Oh, Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Again, Father, an honored name is called and there is no answer, a name that can be spoken without apology. Father in Heaven, give Thy comforting presence to the stricken loved one.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1939

O THOU WHO DWELLEST BEYOND THE SEAS, Thou art our Good Shepherd; we shall not want. In Thee are interwoven immeasurable strength and infinite tenderness, and as we hear the silvery chant we wonder, watch, and pray. Thou wilt not break the reed bruised by human ignorance nor wilt Thou quench the smoking flax of aspiration. Persuade us to walk in the spirit and freedom of the Master, always recognizing the claims of upright living and faithful duty. Blessed Lord, we pray that our Nation may be great, not alone in harvests and lands but in intelligence and obedience to law. Our Father, forbid that it may ever lose the sense of

moral values. Be pleased to be with our people everywhere, and keep us in peace with all the world that a common wave of thought and understanding may lift mankind to a higher plane of Christian brotherhood. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, THE FATHER OF US ALL, in whose changeless love we have our being, as this sacred Memorial Day recurs we lift our grateful hearts to Thee. We praise Thee for that overruling Providence which hitherto has shaped and guided the destiny of our Republic; at its altar may we kneel. We pray that the oppressed everywhere may go free, that the hearts of selfish men may be melted into brotherly love, that the sanctity of human life may increase, that the purity and sweetness of the home may feel the breath of God, and that all creeds may be swallowed up in pure religion. As the tears of the Blue and the tears of the Gray mingle over the graves of their sacred dead, grant that one flag may wave in triumph over a united country—one land and one heart forevermore. In the name of the world's Saviour. Amen.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HEAVENLY FATHER, OUR COMPANION OF THE LONELY WAY; O Thou whose star stood above the Judean hills, be very graciously near us and draw aside the veil of grief. Let us not mourn, as those who love and lose in this fading world; let Thy full-orbed spirit be upon our waiting souls like the dawn upon the hills of earth. How firm, how strong, how sovereign is that manhood that lives and breathes through Thee. May that peace prevail among us that might even flow from the robes of angels. Let us hear the evening hymn that calls us from the language of earth to the language of heaven. O Thou who didst bow Thy head upon the cross and passed beneath the shadow of pain and dying, comfort the sorrowing ones who linger here. Dear Lord, so often our reason wrestles for the daybreak and asks for the way, the truth and light; on the wings of our prayer we come to Thee in our weakness. Keep us all in the shelter of Thy presence until the stream of death we cross—and unto Thee be eternal praise.

If on a quiet sea,
  Toward heaven we calmly sail
With grateful hearts, O God to Thee
  We'll own the favoring gale.
Teach us in every state,
  To make Thy will our own;
And when the joys of sense depart
  To live by faith alone.

Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1939

O Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer, through endless years the same, we lift our prayer to Thee. We bless Thee that across the troubled waves of the sea of life comes the assurance: "I will never leave nor forsake thee." Underneath our stumbling doubts and our bewildering griefs are the everlasting arms of power and unchangeable goodness. Do Thou grant to those who desire the vision of wisdom, a stronger faith, the spirit of patience, and Thy directive presence. We pray that the Congress may heed the call of duty, and may the pride of our lives be to serve all men with free minds and warm hearts. Heavenly Father, inspire us all with those plain, heroic virtues out of which good men and great souls are fashioned, and men who lift the world and roll it in another course. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 1939

Spirit of Light, in this new dawn, lifting the shadows of darkness, let us hear Thy silent voice; do Thou impart Thy soul-giving strength. Looking to Thee, blessed Lord, may we not fail to realize that in this hurried, restless life Thou art ever ready to give guidance. Like Thy prophet of old, we pray for the riches of wisdom, that high duty and not selfish inclinations may determine our actions. In quiet and calm may we keep the ways of the great truths of life; we pray for pure hearts and contented spirits. Through labor, zeal, and resolute courage may we ever look forward for better things. Be merciful unto us, dear Father; give us our daily bread; feed our hearts, enrich our minds, and forgive us when we are blind to the common treasures of life. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 1939

Almighty God, our most merciful Father, without whom nothing is pure and nothing is enduring, we praise Thee that Thou carest for us; Thy mercies are so manifold. In our need we ask for a ray of hope and into life's sky Thou dost flash love's unfading bow of promise. Thou dost bless us with loving friendships in whose hearts truth is truth and love is love. We pray Thee that we may be pure-hearted and clean-handed, and then we shall learn that the world is full of wonder, full of love, and full of God, and by these we are related to the precious gifts of life. Springing out of genuine sincerity, may the spirit of brotherhood prevail here from hour to hour. May the rich blessings of an all-wise, loving Father be upon our distinguished Speaker and the Congress. Help us all, dear Lord, to appreciate and preserve the trust and the dignity which have been reposed in us, and Thine shall be the praise. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 1939

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we give Thee thanks for the blessed gift of life. With us may our great purpose be to live wisely, labor industriously, and at the last hand it back to God without the sense of shame. We beseech Thee to keep us in harmony with Thy plans. In this yearning world we pray for a sense of incompleteness. Help us to stress the unrealized, and thus grow in knowledge and in wisdom. Fill up the open spaces in our characters with those fine aspirations and loves that will never die out. Blessed Father, let the sweet harmonies of peace, good will, and Christian fraternity bless our entire country and rest like a divine benediction everywhere. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, THOU ART OUR FATHER'S GOD. Glory, honor, dominion, and power belongeth unto Thee. We praise Thee for our glorious heritage. Be pleased, O Lord, to preserve the health and strength of the gracious sovereigns from across the sea whom we delight to welcome and honor. Do Thou bless abundantly these two great peoples that have come out of the loins of the mighty past. Bestow upon them the same wisdom, the same courage, and Christian fortitude which shall bring in their train all earthly good. Grant that these two nations may be guarded by Thy holy providence from all temptations to tyranny and all evil passion. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those whom we entrust in Thy name with the authority of governance, to the end that there be peace at home and that we keep a place among the nations of the world. Defend their liberties and preserve their unity, and let every weapon be broken that is forged in the fires of hate. O come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth, where fields of strife lie desolate and barren. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1939

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1939

O Lord God of Hosts, hear our prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

WE PRAY THAT THY HOLY PROMISE may sound down through the years with growing appeal and persuasion. Do Thou dwell with us and with all

peoples that unholy strife and contention may cease. Blessed Lord, empty us of all ignoble desires that we may climb higher, yet higher day by day, that Thy kingdom of love may live in all hearts. Help us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God and thus satisfy the longings of our own breasts. In the Saviour's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1939

O THOU WHO ART THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE FOLD, who hast called across the centuries to worn-footed humanity, hear our prayer; feed us with the fruit of the tree of life that blooms in the garden of God. We pray Thee to make us useful that we may bring to Thee some token of work and service. We beseech Thee to spare and keep us from all harm and danger. O touch our unanswered prayers and our unrealized dreams that we may feel the burden of a great purpose. As there are no faithful failures, may our souls breathe the spirit of helpfulness. Do Thou, blessed Lord, inspire us to be strong, upright men, rich in heart, sweet in the graces and ever eager to seize the opportunity to serve the country which we love to call our home. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1939

WE ARE DEVOUTLY GRATEFUL, OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, that the eternal God is our dwelling place and that we cannot fall out of the everlasting arms. We rejoice that in a universe of change Thy love abides even when the daylight trembles into shade. O God of the nations, we are reminded today of our national ensign. It speaks of lofty sentiments, of high emotions, and of patriotic devotion. It gathers up in its glorious folds the wealth and the fullness of a nation's life. We pray that no peril may ever shadow it as it floats over land and sea. All that is true and dear to the American heart is symbolized in this memorable emblem. With its stars of light, with its bars of white, and with the red of our Nation's sacrifice may it wave on and on over a happy, prosperous, and God-fearing people. Unto Thee be eternal praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1939

GREAT ART THOU, O LORD, and greatly to be praised; great is Thy power, and of Thy wisdom there is no end. O Living Light of Life, make real the presence of Thy guidance. Bless us with Thy helping hand and with the deliverance of Thy unfailing love. Unto Thy fatherly care do we commend our President, our beloved Speaker, and the Members, the officers, and employees of the Congress, with all their hearthstones. Our Father, the giver of all our days, strengthen the bonds of unity between all our citizens. Bless all mankind and Thy children forever. O let release come, that the world may no longer dig graves of hate and garnish the lands with human blood. In the name of the Saviour and the Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1939

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, whose love crowns each succeeding day and whose goodness faileth never, unto Thee we lift our hearts of praise and gratitude. Thy mercy is wider than our utmost need and extends to creation's bounds. Do Thou inspire us with the patience, the courage, and with the satisfaction of a good life. Remind us, blessed Lord, that when we feel anger we dull the truth; we pray Thee to let Thy compassion veil our weakness. Enable us to pursue our tasks with obedient and unmurmuring toil, realizing that a contented spirit is the sweetness of life. Unto all of us be as the shadow of a great rock in a world of labor and responsibility. At the end of life's little day claim us as Thine own. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 1939

COME, BLESSED LORD GOD, like the morning light, and for our daily task and challenge may we rise renewed in Thee. Be pleased to release us from every stain of clinging selfishness and bid our happy souls be free. Grant that our hearts may be so large that there shall not be room enough for envy nor prejudice. We pray that our words may express exalted sentiments, fine emotions, and reach the higher language of the spirit by kindling in our breasts a divine trust and a mighty conquest of faith. Do Thou enable us to let go unworthy things such as pretense, self-seeking, and worry, and take loyal hold of time and work; help us so to live as to be an inspiration and a blessing to those whose lives are touched by ours. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1939

O THOU WHO MAKETH THE CLOUDS THY CHARIOT, who walketh on the wings of the wind and maketh Thy ministers a flaming fire, deepen in our hearts the acceptance of the simple words, "Our Father who art in heaven." We pray Thee, in the name of Him who bore the burden and endured the cross, do Thou inspire our lives with the significance of Thy life and the reality of Thy being. Thou who upholdest the world, uphold Thou us; Thou who art the light of the sun, grant us sight of Thy sight; walk with us and replenish our altar fires from above. Call us to that large manhood that includes conscience, honor, sympathy, and aspiration; sanctify in us these instruments of power, and may we ever disown the things that minister to malice and evil. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1939

O THOU, IN WHOSE PRESENCE THE AGES ARE HOURLESS, out of the vastness which is Thine, impart unto us needful wisdom and understanding. We pray for that stillness of spirit which banishes before it feeble fears with their impotence and ills; O Soul of our souls, urge us upward that we may

find ourselves in Thee. Thou who art Thyself the perfect reward of all toil, all sacrifice, and all agony, we beseech Thee to teach us the royal way of living by inspiring in us pure desires and from our lips clean words; forbid that we should take Thy holy name in vain. O Master of the hidden flame, let the measureless wings of Thy love and mercy shadow us and Thy Holy Spirit revive the deepest undertones of our immortal souls. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1939

Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord; He is our help and shield. Let Thy mercy be upon us according as we hope in Thee. In this trust make us more and more to rejoice in life and its high privileges. Help us to go on our way with peace and gladness in our hearts; to worship Thee by honest work, by faithful service, by helpful deeds, and to find life good by doing good. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1939

Almighty God, our Jehovah Father, we praise Thee that Thou didst reveal Thyself in light and love in the advent of our Lord, and in the sermon when He took the mountain for His pulpit, teaching us the eternal truths of fatherhood and brotherhood. Be pleased to accept our deepest gratitude for those strong and noble men who caught the light and felt the power which gave birth to our immortal Declaration of Independence, courageous in its denunciation of the wrong and clear in its declaration of the rights of man. We beseech Thee that all American citizens may zealously strive to fulfill its ageless principles. Heavenly Father, we offer Thee our devout prayer for the rich blessings of rest and strength to abide with our most worthy Speaker, all Members, officers, and employees. God be with us 'til we meet again. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1939

Our Heavenly Father, Thou art ever very near us in tender love and mercy. May never a day nor night pass unhallowed but that we shall still be grateful for what the Lord hath done; for all the manifestations of Thy holy presence we thank Thee. Now, out of the infinite ease of Thy power and graciousness, may we strongly forget self. Remind us that we must live a mutual life in a mutual world, and where much is given much is expected. Grant us O Lord, the wisdom to fashion as we feel, the courage to labor as we know, and the purpose to do Thy will. O Love supreme, we pause beside the river; an honored Member has passed through this strange house of life, and speechless sorrow has come to the cherished

home of peace and happiness. We pray Thee to lighten the weary load that the family must bear and make the weight Thine own. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1939

THOU BLESSED LORD AND SAVIOUR, who has trod the path of prayer, teach us how to pray that our hearts may be renewed in every thought and full of love divine. We long for Thy fellowship; the desert blossoms as the rose and springs of water break from the parched ground when we walk with Thee. Remind us that the secret of a Christ-approved life is attained through the golden avenue of sacrificial service. We pray that all humanity may soon claim a new-born earth and that its mandates shall give the old world beauty for ashes and the garment of praise for heaviness. O come and set all mankind thinking and singing a new song that shall have the sweep and the majesty of our Master's horizon. Heavenly Father, may Thy love and rest bless our Speaker with renewed vigor. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 10, 1939

O THOU WHO ART OUR FATHER'S GOD AND EVERLASTING FRIEND, incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace. Thou who wert born of the very life of God and hast given voice to the dumb centuries of the past, give us the bread of human life and take the dimness of our souls away. We pray Thee to impart to blind mortal eyes the loveliness that is immortal, the contentment that is assuredly restful, and make men aware that however dark the night, the shadow-draped hills but conceal the promise of the dawn. Almighty One, open unto us the font of Thy unsearchable riches; stoop to our lowliness and make our souls more capacious for those high spiritual tones wrought in unjarring harmonies. The Lord is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him in truth. We praise Thee that our assured triumph is in the marvelous deliverance of the blessed, holy name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1939

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

BLESSED LORD AND SAVIOUR, with bereaved and saddened hearts again we tarry in the valley. The shadows hang heavy. A brother, neighbor, friend, and statesman has passed through the gates, and we shall greet him in the Chamber no more. The yoke is so heavy; dear Lord, line it with Thy comfort and with the inspiration of Thy promise: "I will go with Thee all the way." Bend low, heavenly Father, above the afflicted hearthstone and give heavenly peace.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; henceforth they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.

In the name of our blessed Master and Saviour. Amen and amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thee that the sun of life, with its quickening rays, has again shed upon our path the glow of another day. Thy merciful love and care, our Father, are as constant as the stars that never set, as the mountains that never move, and as the tides that never forget to ebb and flow. Glory be to Thy holy name, O Lord, most high. Continue to shelter us with Thy gracious providence, uplifting and transfiguring us with the sublime consciousness of a personal God. Inspire us to love Thee with a whole heart, to serve man and hate only sin. As the custodians of a glorious heritage, grant that the might of a great purpose may surge through the halls of our being. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; see if there is any wicked way in us and lead us in the way everlasting. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 1939

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, OUR FATHER, for our sins we ask the forgiveness of the Cross and for our guidance the benediction of Thy love and care. Thou, who art so prodigal with the riches of field and forest, of land and sea, how much more has been the glory of Thy gifts to the souls of men. O Son of Mary, walk with us; teach us the lessons of forbearance that we may forgive as we hope to be forgiven. Bless those who struggle against want. We pray that the doors of employment may be opened wide and that the hearts of men may be opened to help the world's sad needs; may those who have much share with those who have less. Immortalize the hopes of those lives that have been blighted and the sanctities of those who are lonely and in tears; transfigure human sorrow, lighten the darkness, and dwell among us. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1939

OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, who art the Spirit Infinite and Eternal, we bless Thee for the preservation of our lives, for the sanctity of our homes, and for the stability of our Republic. With a conscious realization of our depend-

ence on Thee, we pray for wisdom and understanding to guide us in the way of truth and for strength to resist that which is wrong. It is written: *Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.* May our labors be wise and leave us sweet. Make our hearts temples of virtue with thrones of whiteness. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 17, 1939

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, maker of all things and lover of all men, we lift our grateful hearts to Thee in praise; this new day gives us fresh assurance of Thy fatherly care. We pray Thee to make it blessed with new hopes, new joys, and new visions of life. Thou who art the Good Shepherd, lead us into green pastures and beside still waters. Since our example means so much may we not do the things which the restraints of a good name forbid. Fulfill in us that blessed beatitude: *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.* We pray for Thy gracious blessing upon our President, his associates, and immediate advisers. O gird them with more than human wisdom and with strength greater than their own that those things wisest and best may come to pass. Support us, O Lord, all the day long, and then give us Thy peace. In the holy name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 1939

INFINITE SPIRIT OF LIFE, help us never to forget that which we owe Thee, our country, and our beautiful world. We thank Thee for a providence manifesting mercy in such rich abundance toward all those who put their trust in Thee. Breathe upon our land the spirit of duty, temperance, and patriotic devotion. Grant that the stress of today but establish us more firmly in those great fundamental verities upon which our Republic must ever stand for its glory and perpetuity. Hasten the hour when the world shall sing: "The morning light is breaking, the darkness disappears." May men everywhere forsake the tyranny of hate and unrighteous ambitions. Send out Thy light, O Lord, until the clouds shall be scattered and wicked men no longer shall infest with fear the peace of the world which is more precious than all the gold in the hills of earth. In the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1939

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that Thy countless mercies may soften our hearts and lead us to repentance; forgive us in the plentitude of Thy love, and may we henceforth walk in the way of Thy commandments in accordance with the voice of our Saviour. Give us the passion that loses itself in knowing that mercy is greater than sacrifice; that truth is more enduring than fiction; and that goodness is far above greatness. O God, may our complainings and our discontent be silent, and let the peace of God

that passeth all understanding fall alike upon those who lose and those who win in the struggle of life. Give to all the final victory of faith, and bless the hushed voices of all hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1939

Our blessed Heavenly Father, Giver of all good things in heaven and earth, we beseech Thee to bestow upon us blessings of purity of mind, rest of body, and guidance in all our labors. Grant that without sound, that the temples of our souls may arise with spiritual windows towering out of time. Lead us to help others who may be in the shadow and gloom of failure and disappointment; pity the heavy-laden, the downtrodden, and the weary. May no temptation assail and no barrier of security be broken down to weaken their courage and resistance. In our comfort, the Lord help us to remember the poor who suffer from the sting of wintry winds and the blight of summer diseases. In the tendencies of our natures may there be more consecrated realms where purity rules and where self-renunciation is the crown of honor. With deep gratitude pulsating in our breasts, may we go on befriended, soothed, and deathlessly nourished by life, which is the ever-present goodness of God. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1939

Our heavenly Father, we ask Thee to read our hearts and know our minds. May we pray not for wealth or fame but for eyes to behold the truth and for a realizing sense that knows the eternal right. Clothe us with a manly faith, strong, courageous, which even dares with heart and hand to stoop to the lowliest of Thy children. We pray, dear Lord, for strength that never wavers, for a hope that never grows dim, and for those material blessings which the righteous may enjoy without harm and hold without wrong. Almighty God, give us power to gain dominion over selfishness, envy, and resentment. In every situation the Lord give us strength to hold on to our better selves. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 24, 1939

Our most gracious Lord, tender and loving in Thy mercy, we pray that we may be altogether worthy of "life's well done" by being enthusiastic exponents of truth, justice, and Christian brotherhood. Do Thou enable us to live and work under the benignant sway of great truths, always aspiring after the heavenly genius of goodness. Blessed Father, may we not refuse through neglect or self-deception to confess our sins to Him who is faithful and just to forgive and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Put Thy hand upon us and inspire us to heed Thy call to seek not gold, but men; not fame, but men; not ease, but men. We wait, as we hark back to the prayer of the apostle: *Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.* In the name of the Lord of Life. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1939

FATHER OF MERCIES, in Thy holy Word what endless glory shines; we pray Thee to teach us to love it and find our Saviour there. Nothing can lessen the dignity and the value of humanity so long as loving devotion to it endures; let it be our light and strength. We beseech Thee to incline the hearts of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual forbearance, fairness, and good will. Blessed Lord God, we pray for the aged, for the young, and for those who are overtasked because of poverty and forgotten. May our love be as fresh as the dawn and as sure as the path of Thy law. Wherever the morning light falls on human faces may it cheer, make homes happy and true, men and women good, and little children joyous; in the Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1939

O MERCIFUL GOD, in whose hand the marching planets live, rule the hearts and bless the endeavors of all who make and execute our laws. Do Thou stay our souls these restless days when skepticism seems a world-wide triumph. In power and pride of life, with work to do and praise to win for God, call us to perseverance and self-mastery; let us believe in the Divine Will that keeps the universe steadfast and sure. We pray for the might of Faith that pierces the future and sees the time when wisdom shall be justified in the earth, when voices of hate shall be silenced and men will know that God is all in all. Heavenly Father, persuade us that the love of righteousness secures ineffable blessedness and peace and will abide when selfish delights cease and the last flower of life's summer lies withered and dead. In the holy name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1939

O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH, OUR GOD AND OUR FATHER, we praise Thee that the essence of life is divine. Blessed Lord, it is an inspiration to see visions, greater to do, but greatest of all to be; therefore let this be our canticle of character; let it go singing along the paths of space: *Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me: I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart. The Lord bless thee and keep thee; the Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.* Both now and ever. In the name of our Saviour who forgot Himself, even in death. Amen.

Second Session

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1939

MOST MERCIFUL FATHER AND SAVIOUR OF MANKIND, have respect unto our prayer and when Thou hearest, forgive. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. In this hour when the world, disheartened, disillusioned in the gray valley of deepening shadows, is rolling in the storm of a heavy sea, let us find the way of Thy hand. Lead the soul of our Nation into pastures where it may be fed in peace and safety. Amid ruthless changes and endless sorrows, O may we give pause to the baseness of marching militarism that the dawn may be seen and Thy voice heard. Rest Thy gracious hand, our Heavenly Father, upon our renowned President and his counselors. We bear to the altar of prayer our beloved Speaker and the Congress that all deliberations may be calm, thoughtful, and courageous, striving devotedly for those ideals which make a nation great and glorious. May our flag continue to wave its stars and stripes in embracing folds over a free, united people, determined and assured in the understanding that democracy must triumph over every form of tyranny. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1939

O GOD, before whose face the generations rise and fall and the eternal hills are transient, we praise Thee that there is a divine purpose at the heart of this world; mercy is underneath it, and a gracious Providence is in control of it. O move us toward Thee until we stand on Thy holy hill, firm in faith, strong with hope, and lost in love.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1939

HEAVENLY FATHER, as we pause on the threshold of this new day, we turn to Thee in praise and adoration. Let us not fail to realize that amid the turmoil of this outward world Thou art ever present to give rest and quiet to the inner life. Humble us in our pride, lift us from our despondency, keep our hearts pure and our lips from speaking guile. In all our ways make us not ashamed to be good, forgiving, and gentle. Blessed Lord, forgive us when we are selfish, recall us when we go astray, and save us from wronging ourselves by thinking ill of others. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1939

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we wait at the altar of prayer for Him who makes our task His own. In the yearnings of our hearts may we lay aside every earthly burden. Deliver us from coldness of heart and wandering mind and bless us with peace and calm unknown to worldly cares. Send us the voice of Thine unuttered speech which memories mock the present day. As we wait, O Lord, two brothers and sincere servants of the State respond not to the call of their names; the loss and the sorrow oppress us. We beseech Thee to let the cloud be Thy shadow and the wind on our sea wafted by Thy wings. Enable us to realize, blessed Lord, that the haze on our horizon whispers the secret of a new life. When the darkness deepens, when other helpers fail and comforts flee, O encircle the cloud with Thy rainbow, and may tears be transformed into jewels to adorn the crown of immortal glory. Be Thou the angel of peace and consolation in the broken family circles. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1939

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, for each new day we ask Thy presence and benediction. Forgive us when we are too ready with doubt and complaint of this fair world of Thine. Like cheerful travelers, may we again take the path through the weary-laden shadows with their disquieting forbodings. We pray Thee to look into our hearts and make them humble; open wide the doors that bar their sacred chambers that we may hear immortal litanies. O let them send us back to that angelic chant: "Peace be still." Lighten all waiting eyes and strengthen all nerveless hands and we shall see and know that the stars of God are shining through cloudless skies, keeping watch above His own; we shall thus be armed with the hymn of faith drowning the murmur of the threatening storm. We thank Thee, that the might of an infinite God, whom no despot can baffle, whose dominion is without end, will yet walk the turbulent waters, treading the rough waves level and saying: "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid." In the shrine of our souls we worship Thee, O Christ. In Thy holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1939

OUR MOST GRACIOUS FATHER IN HEAVEN, again Thou hast withdrawn the curtain of night and shown us the beauty and the glory of another days In this holy silence may we know how to wait upon Thee; here may we get a clear vision of the ideal of duty. We ask Thee for a faith that never wavers and for a hope that never grows dim. We pray that we may enjoy Thy blessings without harm and hold them without wrong. In the spirit of Him who loved the lilies of the field and the fowls of the air may our lives be reflected in love and sonship with God. As our hearts are so often

sad and silent, do Thou fill them with gladsome songs of praise. In Thy manifold mercies do Thou abide with our President, our Speaker, and the Congress. Almighty God, we beseech Thee to make our country a sanctuary of peace, good will, and brotherhood, and unto Thee be eternal praises through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1939

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, as Thy children, we supplicate a Father's blessing. Like streams of water in a dry and thirsty land, so have been Thy benedictions. To Thee we lift our grateful hearts, for Thou art not far from us at any time; may we set them before Thee to be chastened. Enable us, dear Lord, to apply our days unto wisdom, for we know how the fortunes of life change. Melody of song becomes the voice of lamentation; falling tears take the place of happy laughter; the strong become ill; and the joy of life is turned to aching grief. O Divine One, help us not to be cast down, for as our day is so shall our strength be. O may the vision never fade nor the inner light fail. Spread Thy covering wings around till all our hardships cease. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1939

THOU, O LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee; arise and let not man prevail; let the nations be judged in Thy sight. Mankind sees dimly as the flame of humanity burns low and the clouds still trail the earth. Almighty God, bid the strong and courageous rise and demonstrate the priceless human values in the life of nations and men. O Saviour Divine, Thy timely aid impart; lead us to Thy holy hill that we may be wisely and faithfully guided. As we meet life's challenges without fear, brighten the dawn of a golden day of a happier humanity in a world of peace. Clothe our land with a strong adventurous faith which in the past has sustained us a godly people and spare us from the ruinous delusions which are sweeping across the world. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1939

THOU LOVER AND SAVIOUR OF MEN, to Thee we lift our hearts in prayer and adoration. As Thou knowest us altogether, we pray that if faith overcometh the world and is the victor, endue us with that faith; if it is better to minister than to be ministered unto, give us the will to do it; if love is better than hate and will help us to bear all things and endure all things, O give us that love. Merciful Father, comfort the sick; smooth every pillow of pain and quiet those who long for the morning. Bless Thy servants who sit in these places of responsibility and opportunity and all those who labor in quiet ways in the daily rounds of uneventful duty. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1939

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we would be like Him, who, with a consciousness deeper than the sea and higher than the stars, said calmly, insistently: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Wilt Thou show us the path of life: "In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures forever more." Let us begin this day with a fine impulse sweeping through our breasts, possessing a vision that conquers fears and immortalizes hopes. O Thou who art the purest of the mighty and the mightiest of the pure, who dost guide the worlds through space, cannot be less wise and kind than the shepherd who leads his flock into green pastures. In a world in which we hear so much of the roar of things and whose future no one can foretell, O may we have a place in the hollow of Thy hand where our souls may find whiteness and our minds unity. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1939

GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, let Thy holy silence sink deep into our hearts that the truth we know may be the candle of the Lord. Hush all our complainings and discontent and give the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Let us rejoice and be glad that we have a part in the world's great work. Renew the life of Thy church everywhere, quicken its devotion and passion for the souls of men. Take the beam out of our own eye that we may see clearly to cast the mote out of our brother's eye. Restrain the wayward, relieve the oppressed, the poor, and be the toilers' friend. May pride, oppression, and all godless ambitions be remembered only as the things of the night. Let all who love the Lord Jesus stand for those virtues which build up the human heart in truth, honor, fidelity, love, and obedience to God. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1939

ALMIGHTY GOD, steal into our hearts like the rhythm of unearthly peace; perfect our trust and strengthen our power of faith. We rejoice that night reigns not in Thy universe; above the center of all power, all human sight, and sense, Thou art the eternal noon. As time's ceaseless river is set toward the deeps of the eternal sea, O let the love of Christ purge away the leaven of strife and struggle; let them not stain the face of sincere appreciation. Lift us above empty moralities and inspire us with a life fresh in the spirit of brotherhood. Look down in mercy upon our beloved Speaker and the Congress; preserve them in mind and body. Blessed Lord, these walls echo with a nation's history. Today we look back to where statesmanship was born and abides. We render tribute to a son of genius who has gone the way that leads to the expanding view which finally brings us all to the splendor of a glorious dawn. In the name of our Elder Brother. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1939

BLESSED LORD GOD, for every gracious word of Thine we give Thee thanks. Make plain unto us what we have not discerned of truth and wisdom in Thy holy word. Teach us the lessons that Thou wouldst have us know, that we may learn from the book of ancient faith the sacredness of life, the duty, and the joy of righteous deeds. *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the river of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.* Heavenly Father, root our souls deep in the soil enriched by the flowing tides of the river of life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1939

MOST GRACIOUS AND SACRIFICIAL GOD, the fountain of life and the source of all joy, be pleased to accept our deepest gratitude for every gift of Thine. Thou who makest the great world a place of beauty, let Thy silence speak to us. Thy manifold mercies are the expressions of man's utmost need and hope. We thank Thee for enduring friendships, near and far; for faith in man, for the triumph of truth, and for the might and the conquest of the cross. Our Father, as our memory stretches across the years to that frontier called the past, we thank Thee for the arms that held us; may mother ever remain the monarch of the human heart. Cause us to see anew that life flows on and its light fades not as the sun goes down. Teach our country the truths by which we may be free and strong; lift the cloud that hangs over the earth and let the stars shine through. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1939

O THOU WHO ART MOST NEAR AND YET SO FAR, whose gifts are boundless and grace so free, we thank Thee for Thy love—the anchor to which our souls may hold in storm and tempest, in honor or dishonor, poverty or wealth; it never faileth. We pray Thee to lift us above all pride of place and ambition, and with dignity and calm may we pursue the functions of our sacred office. Heavenly Father, let strength and courage come with the memory of the past. We praise Thee for the chivalrous souls that builded here in years long agone, and for the patriotic hosts to whom this New World was as the very gate of Heaven. Here were the prophets' voice and the seers' vision; here youth gathered courage for its daring dreams, and patriots paid the priceless boon for liberty. O grant, blessed Lord, that their sacrificial devotion may ever remain to us a most precious heritage and unto Thee be eternal praise. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1939

O SON OF GOD, INCARNATE, O Son of Man Divine, we need Thee in the kingship of our hearts; clear our vision and bless us with Thy presence afresh. Grant us such energy of mind and vigor of heart that the tasks awaiting us may be a challenge to our powers. May our labors be so squared with the Golden Rule that they shall wisely fit into the notable structure of our Republic. We pray Thee that the mists of doubts and uncertainties which so often hide Thee may be dispensed in the light of a strong, happy faith. Heavenly Father, help us to place our hands in Thine and walk with Thee in holy trust and serene peace. We wait, again our ranks are broken; he has ended his journey and completed his honorable task. Give the blessing of abiding comfort to the family circle with thoughts that overleap the flight of time and give vision of destiny immortal. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1939

O BREATH OF GOD, we pray that these moments may be heightened by the solemn spirit of reverence. O let the spectacle of the glorious cross be to us like a whisper from the face of the Almighty. We seek Thy guidance into truth; Thy help in counsel; and the blessing of Thy grace. Do Thou inspire us with unselfish and heroic purpose that we may be examples for our people, into whose service we have entered. We thank Thee for the heart-winning words of the Christ; grant us His shadow that prepares for toil; His faith and His vision of a new day. O Thou who hast reigned amid the tempests of the spirit, withhold not Thyself from us. Brood over us, give us more than human wisdom, and gird us with a strength greater than our own. We pray Thee to lift our minds to a high estate where reason is not suffocated nor patriotism smothered. O come to our waking souls, that we may walk in the paths of dignity and honor and where no seeds of discord are allowed to flower, fruit, or foliage. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1939

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we bless Thee that there is no love like Thine, and all human love is divine when it has its source in Thee. When in the flood of great waters, when storms climb the sky and unjust criticism rides out against us, then let Thy love break up the clouds and make them beautiful. Forgive us if we have been unmindful of Thy marvelous providence; forgive us if we have longed for easy tasks; forgive us if we have refused to do our utmost in hard and narrow ways: O forgive us all our faults and may we ever learn wisdom from our failures. Illumine our souls that we

may know clearly Thy will and have power to fulfill it. We bear at the altar of prayer our most honorable Speaker and all Members of the Congress. In the plentitude of Thy care watch over them each day and give peace. In the Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1939

ETERNAL GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we praise Thee that Thou art rich in those powers which fructify the human heart, in those voices which mark the path of holy living, and in that tenderness which makes earth brighter and happier. We unveil the cross and most humbly thank Thee for the Christ who made Himself of no reputation, took upon Himself the form of a servant, and gave the great world of humanity a vision of the Infinite heart; we pray that we may see His light slowly gaining on the shade. O Spirit Divine, make us pure in heart and fill our hands with brotherly benedictions. We beseech Thee to inspire us with deep, earnest, and reverent living; to find gems in the hard-beaten pathway; to wring comfort from ungenerous conditions; and to discern the royal way of life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1939

LORD GOD OF HOSTS, Thou who art the inspiration of our longings, help us to surrender to Thy outstretched arms of pitying mercy and whitening grace. Thou who dost impart to blind mortal eyes that loveliness which is immortal, O fill us with the spirit of truth that Thy thoughts may be our thoughts; that Thy ways may be our ways; and Thy works may be our works. We thank Thee that no smile of hope, no tear of sympathy, and no sacrificial task can be lost. We pray Thee that our labors may be a potent factor in this turbulent earth in setting in motion those deepening currents which shall melt storms into peace and mend the aching heart of the world. We rejoice, dear Lord, to know that home is the rainbow isle in the river of time whose compulsions are fed from the eternal spring of the human heart. O may no plague come nigh our dwellings. Let a rich, divine blessing abide with our Speaker, the Members, the officers, and the employees of the Congress, and bring us together again without the loss of one. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

Third Session

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1940

ETERNAL GOD, OUR FATHER, infinite in goodness and wisdom, we approach Thy altar of prayer. We thank Thee for that love which sings through the ages and whose tremendous comfort we may feel as the years pass by. We pray for that guidance which enables us to weave in the great loom of life characters which shall stand the judgment of time. In these perilous days hush our souls to meet the shocks of this mad world, wearying along in sands and thorns and in the bitterness of unbridled passion. O for that peace which Thou hast promised! We look upon the mountain and it is not there; upon the valley and it is dark; upon the horizon and we see the faintest star. O lift and strengthen Thy right hand in the darkness that the high arms of the tyranny of war may be broken. Inspire us with the hardy, adventurous souls that first christened the hillsides and plains of our young Republic. Grant that hope, faith, and courage may burn with living fire along the faltering paths of our country until it finds its full fruition in the spirit of the Master. By worth and service, by fortitude and patriotism, may the Congress earn the right to stand erect among the underscored servants of our free land. In the folds of divine care, in the embrace of a Father's love, bless and guide our President, our Speaker, the Members, and officers and employees.

Our Father of mercy and glory, how frail and transitory our span of life; our ranks are appallingly broken. They toiled and felt the rugged ways of time and passed on with the pledge of Thy power that death is just a phase of life that flows on and on. They are now where they behold the unforgotten faces and where the lost ones speak again. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1940

GREAT ART THOU, O LORD, and greatly to be praised; great is Thy power, and of Thy wisdom there is no end. We thank Thee for the blessed boon of life with all its hopes and promises. The value of this world to Thee, O God, is not in silver and gold but in good men. Another of our own has fallen. The sands of life run swiftly; we know not when the silver cord

shall be loosed, the golden bowl broken. Heavenly Father, we rejoice that it is reasonable to trust the power that has made a mother. So—

I know not where His islands lift
  Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
  Beyond His love and care.

So I sit beside the silent sea
  And wait the muffled oar.
No harm from Him can come to me
  On ocean or on shore.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1940

WE ARE GRATEFUL, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, that we still abide within the circle of the Lord of Life. We pray Thee to grant us the wisdom to fashion as we feel, to labor as we know, and bless us with the tranquil light of Thy truth. Just now we are reminded that on the earth the broken arc, in the heaven a perfect round. We rejoice that life is ever lord of death and love can never lose its own. O Thou who art the center of our hopes and aspirations, be pleased to hear our Saviour's prayer as it falls from the lips of every dear heart: *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name; They kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1940

O MASTER OF THE HIDDEN FIRE, we thank Thee for the gift of divinity in the human soul and for its power of expression. We earnestly pray that we may be true to ourselves, for earth with heavy sins and griefs is overplussed. Hush the voice of passion in our own breasts by quickening every aspiration that keeps open the vision of our Saviour. Heavenly Father, fan our faith to brighter glow until the dark of self is broken with the wedges of Thy clear light. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us; and lead us in the way everlasting, and Thine shall be the praise. Through Christ, our glorified Redeemer. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1940

BLESSED CHRIST, THE CRUCIFIED ONE, who moves the spirits of men with His sacrifice and service, inspire us with these virtues that they may become the very woof of our thoughts and deeds. O Master of the ages, still speak to the starved hearts of men the perfect love that they need; break the barriers of intolerance, hate, and barren creeds. We beseech Thee to freshen our souls with Thy blessing and quicken our wills, that we may fulfill the duties and obligations which our country has laid upon us. Humbled and blind as we are, amid Thy manifold glories and mercies, O help us to find rest and gladness in the heavenly simplicity of our Lord and Saviour. In His holy name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1940

IMMORTAL GOD, O LOVE DIVINE, Thou who has borne our sins upon the tree and tasted the sharpness of death for every man, hear our prayer. We praise Thee that Thou hast opened the kingdom of heaven for all mankind. Forbid, dear Lord, that we should by neglect, indifference, or shameless greed crucify Thee afresh. O Lamp of God, that shines from the heights of yonder sacred hill, the Light which comes from the breast of eternity, shine upon the nations. Let the voice of God, full of wisdom and affection, fall upon all peoples and shake the earth. By the blessed thought of Him who for earth's freedom died and lives again, let us choose the righteous side and thus hope and pray to turn the trembling scales of the sad world's sorrow. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1940

WE GIVE THEE THANKS, OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD, lover of our souls, to whom our lives are bound by ties death cannot break. Forgive our lack of faith, for Thy presence often seems to us like a clouded mirror that has been breathed upon. The Lord shall preserve our going out and our coming in, and His love and mercy ever wait at the door to welcome us. Deepen our reverence for Thee, O God; increase within us the divine that it may dominate the human. We pray that our chief desire shall be to hallow Thy name in thought, word, and deed, emulating the earthy life of our Master. Enable us to put into daily practice the sublime injunction:

All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1940

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. It is He that hath made us and we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Behold, now are we the sons of God. Our Heavenly Father, hold to our lips the Holy Grail and from that blessed cup may we drink deep of the water of life. We pray Thee to take out of our hearts all bitterness and may a grave be dug deep enough to bury all wrongs. We thank Thee for our glorious country; help us to stress our problems and think more of our privileges; give us a larger sympathy for all men and a holy ambition to be of service in a needy world. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, may we listen to Thy sovereignty over the world. *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and King of Glory shall come in.*

Heavenly Father, undisturbed by haste and unvexed by disappointment let Thy Holy Word speak to us. Make plain to us that which we have not discerned of Thy truth and wisdom. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1940

BLESSED LORD AND MASTER, whose heart is fatherly and pitying, we pray Thee to inspire us that the tides of Thy spirit may bring to us cleansing, refreshment, and power; enable us to hold high the honor of the soul. Teach us the lesson that Thou wouldst have us learn—the virtue of humility, the nature of real wealth, and that life is more than meat. O heavenly Father, these are the virtues that will enable us to regain our lost estate and our self-mastery.

Remember the youth, dear Lord, who crowd the schools of our country. Allow no barriers of security to be broken down nor habits to creep in to weaken the strength of their characters. O keep and shelter all those boys and girls who crowd through the gates of the city to face the temptations and struggles of city life. Do thou hear the prayers from the home altars of hillside and prairie, prayed on behalf of them who have left their own firesides. We beseech Thee, Heavenly Father, that the youth of our land may find their way to the church of the living God and to the altar of prayer. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1940

O THOU IN WHOSE PRESENCE OUR SOULS TAKE DELIGHT, on whom in affliction we call, clear our vision that we may see they face behind the darkest providence. Our souls wait in the solemnity of these moments. We pray for the patience of unanswered prayer and for the heart to wait until Thy perfect will shall be known. As today we walk toward Emmaus in sadness and loneliness, help us to see the empty sepulcher and the vision of our glorified Lord beyond the cross.

The laborer's task is over; the battles of the years are past; the human barque, once brave and strong, no longer bears the buffetings of wrenching strains. As our days glide swiftly by, grant that the needy and the suffering may gather strength because of his heroic strife. Forever enfolded in the gracious arms of our blessed Saviour, may the loving companion of the years find rest and peace in these hours of her day and darkness. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1940

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, unto us as children of Thy jealous care, Thy benedictions are like streams of water in a dry and thirsty land: Thus to Thee we offer our hearts of praise and gratitude. We pray that the memory of our sins and failures may be grievous unto us. By every temptation overcome may we be made wiser and stronger. O kindle in our hearts those visions which never fade and open for our waiting feet the ways of purity, peace, and power, and may we never falter. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1940

HEAVENLY FATHER, teach us to be still and know that Thou art God; cleanse us, keep us, and hold us safe. O let our souls wait for the Lord even more than they that wait for the morning. In this fear-haunted world lead us to the shadow of the cross and there inspire us to make our choice. We pray that we may be keepers of Thy commandments, defenders of Thy law, and towers of strength in all Thy righteous ways. Do Thou give us light in our blindness and open wide unto us the gates of knowledge and understanding. Let Thy glory be declared among all nations and Thy wonders among all peoples. Thou who art the Ancient of Days, hasten the hour when they shall come from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1940

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we entreat Thee to meet with us, transforming and ennobling our aspirations, our thoughts, and our endeavors. We thank Thee for our spiritual privileges and pray that we may have a fuller appreciation of our indebtedness to Thee. Grant us in the utmost simplicity and childlike confidence to consecrate our time to Thee and our homeland. Thou art our hiding place; Thou shalt preserve us from trouble; Thou shalt compass us about with songs of deliverance. Do Thou hear our prayer for all those in sorrow; for those who have been forsaken of the best and the dearest; for those who have been evilly treated; for the poor who are struggling with poverty and the winter's blast; and for those whose hearts have been invaded by tragedy and cannot tell the world their thoughts. O Thou who art sufficient for all things, be pleased to hear us. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1940

Our Heavenly Father, we come to Thee with our burdens, with our problems, and with our clamorous necessities and pray for Thy directive help. Do Thou interpret them for us and make them very simple in our outlook upon life. If aught in our hearts be displeasing to Thee, we ask Thee to remove it. Let us realize that the Christ is in our midst ready to speak to us His message; as we listen may we detect the accent of our Saviour. *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night. The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.* Dear Lord God, enrich these passing hours; discipline us for everything that is intended to make us strong, brave, and true, and Thine shall be the glory. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1940

Blessed Lord and Saviour, Thou who dost appeal to us from every crowded street, from every bed of pain, and from every troubled heart, do Thou inspire us to speak the brave word, do the courageous deed, and to openly confess Thee before men. Each day from Thy bountiful hand Thou dost shower blessings upon us; we thank Thee. Grant us the heart of a little child, that we may be strong to obey, quick to serve, and ready to wait. Do Thou put upon all of our hearts those who need us most, those whose grief is silent and settled, those who are living a life of evil and have never sought the beauty of the Lord. O Thou with whom power remaineth, do Thou inspire us to pour courage and strength into the lives of the weak and helpless and thus link ourselves with the kingdom of God upon earth. Bless and preserve the dignity and the honor of the traditional

institution of our Republic which is honored and recognized today. Grant, O Lord God, that truth and justice may ever be the inspiration of its decisions. Like an impartial sunlight bless our whole land and Thine shall be the glory, through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1940

OUR FATHER, to whom our lives are bound with ties that death cannot break, Thou who art the God of our fathers, we praise Thy name. For Thy boundless gifts, for friendships near and far, and for the blessed triumphs of the cross we give Thee thanks. We pray that the power of Christian truth may be the inspiration of men, that they may learn contentment and use all things which Thou has created without abusing them. O Thou who art a merciful high priest, touched with a feeling of our infirmities yet without sin, separate our sins from us as far as the east is from the west, for as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward them that fear Thee. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1940

THOU WHO ART THE HOPE FOR EVERY DISCOURAGED SOUL, the purity for every stained life, and the light for every starless sky, hitherto has Thou helped us. As we walk the ways of this world, hold us to the realization that men are sustained, guided, and consoled by Thy sheltering care. Grant that our life task may be to thirst for the genius of goodness, thus avoiding the harvest of wrong, injustice, and shame. Heavenly Father, take our hands and if fate deepens the current, let pain sweeten the tune and poverty enrich the melody. As the day was still in the light and the horizon widening, a Member strong and upright, left us and the whisperings of peace swept through the atmosphere saying: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord." In our Saviour's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, whatever the unrevealed future may hold, let us find the secret of a calm and cheerful confidence where fear holds sway and injustice reigns. We praise Thee that the secret of our security is Emmanuel, God with us. The inspired musician has declared: "Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old as a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them, but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall have no end." We thank Thee for this music breaking out of the heart of the Ancient of Days, whose love for us is infinite. Arm us with that fortitude which braves the thick shadow of our humanity;

O crown us with an all-conquering faith in our blessed Lord and let it give a rich morning glow to our lives in these days of our need. Heavenly Father, give rest to our beloved Speaker and bless him with peace, good health, and strength. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1940

O Thou who art the way, the truth, and the life, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name. O Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us; in Thee power, love, and compassion are eternal and everlasting. Let Thy holy hand be laid upon us; blend the discords of our natures into heaven's harmony and soften the tears of repentence into psalms of victory. O Thou Christ, do Thou still call across the centuries to heartsore humanity: Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. O come and let hunger-bitten lips be fed, chilled bodies be clothed; come, and may the stranger be received, the sick visited, and thus weave for our immortal souls robes of righteousness that our blessed Lord and His saints will approve. In the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1940

Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens and Thy majesty and power reach unto the ends of the earth. Turn unto us again and give Thy presence unto Thy children, and with Thy blessing may we not fail to hallow the gifts of life. We pray that we may be just in our judgments, rich in our charity, and sincere in our interpretation of one another. Do Thou give range and vision to the thoughts that we think and to the lives that we live. We thank Thee for the happiness and the hallowed associations of our homes. Thou, dear Lord, bless them with contentment and good health. May we all enjoy life at its best that we may give this life of joy to others. Comfort the sick and all bereaved ones with the hopes and promises of our most holy faith and graciously abide with our Speaker, and Thine shall be the glory. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1940

Strong Son of God, who dost share the world's burden and pain, create and make in us new and contrite hearts. It nobly becomes us in increasing reverence to preserve the memory of the heroes and martyrs who have made possible our national greatness. By common impulse we wait at the altar of prayer and supplication in memory of an immortal public servant whose labors and character will remain undimmed, vital in courage, and vibrant in inspiration for all time. As he reached the heights of truth and integrity, he left those footprints that will live forever in the annals of human endeavor. We praise Thee that he touched the wilderness cabin

and took away its curse; he touched poverty and blessed it with simple yet beautiful humanity; he sauntered along the woodland's lanes and turned them into a college of wisdom. O God, grant that his spirit may live and be the inspiration of future generations; may it live as the master architect of our expanding Republic; may it live in the songs of the toilers as they vision a glorious future; may it live world-wide as prophet, priest, and king; may it live until not a human foot in all the earth shall walk with bowed head beneath a tyrant's heel. In the name of the Christ, our Elder Brother. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1940

ETERNAL GOD, OUR MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, out of the depths from which spring humility, reverence, and faith do we appeal unto Thee for guidance and help. We pray that we shall receive such a portion of Thy spirit that we may be faithful and just in the daily duties of life; we rejoice that the Almighty One is a sun that shines on cabin and palace. O give us the power of that faith to declare that the time will come when the nation that breaks its promises and sows to the wind shall of that wind reap the whirlwind; the blessed Lord help us to take no counsel of crouching fear, for with Thee a thousand years are as a day. O my soul, let us believe that self-discipline is the most stable form of character building and that the golden words of liberty, opportunity, and integrity will be the watchwords not only for our Republic but for the nations of earth. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1940

AGAIN, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, in the onward march of time we are brought together for another day. O God, we pray for the needs of men. May we be planted in that divine vineyard in which Thou art the husbandman, where the fruitless branches are cut away and those that bear fruit are cleansed that they may bear more fruit; thus whatsoever we doeth shall prosper, and we shall rejoice that there is no waste energy, no contagious doubt, and no annoying weariness. O river of God, flow this way, that its crystal tides may enrich the soil of our souls, bearing fruit in every good work. O Lord of life and light, we humbly pray Thee to let the golden morning break over this troubled world. May all peoples soon see the vision that transfigures sorrow, lightens the darkness, and immortalizes hope. Flowing from our hearts is a prayer for our beloved Speaker. In the name and for His glory, our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1940

O HEAVENLY FATHER, Giver of peace and rest to all mankind, look down upon Thy children. We pray that our labors may be great in their reality and appealing in their understanding. May we learn from the glory of

our ancient faith the sacredness of life, the duty and the joy of righteous speech; thus may we reflect the holy life of Him whom we worship. We pray for faith triumphant even as the world is carrying in its breast the gushing fountain of poisonous hate, give us an increasing certainty that all things work together for good to them that love God. As we bravely face life with its countless distractions, crown us with an unfailing and unwithering strength of our holy religion. We praise thee that neither height nor depth, nor any other creature can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Inspire us to adorn the House of Life with those fidelities which are the foretaste of the life eternal, in our Saviour's name, in love and mercy be Thou with our dear Speaker and the Congress and may no plague come nigh their dwelling places. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1940

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US, and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us. Heavenly Father, with our souls enrobed with this prayer, and with a chastening sense of our failures and needs, we pray for Thy guiding grace and wisdom. May Thy presence with us be like the sun that radiates light, like the stars that shed calmness, like the morning that sings freshness and like the evening that whispers quietness. This day let us be at rest in the Father's love and in the gracious protection of His Son, Jesus Christ, the friend of man and the Saviour of the world. Do Thou ever enfold us in the blessed security of the everlasting arms. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thee for the One whom we may ever approach but never surpass. Before the world, He was: Deeper than all depths and higher than all height are the wonders of our Lord's divine nature. We thank Thee that He is not only forgiving, but life-giving, creating within us those tides of being which make all things new. We pray that we may be worthy of our vocation and appreciate the challenge of our trusteeship. O give us the pungent power of high decision, the hunger that longs for fullness of life, and inspire us with those wise silences that tremble in the breast of aspiration, and with that yearning for all that is fair, lovely, and of good report. Unto Thee be eternal praise, through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1940

WE REJOICE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, that in all this universe of starry splendors and unthinkable immensities we cannot fall out of the hands of a good God. Death may threaten, and the dearest pass through the shadow of the valley, but these are the prelude to a deeper joy to come. We praise Thee that here is life's abiding rest and ultimate wonder and the secret of those chimes that forever ring in the dome of the immortal

soul. Help us to ever pray "Thy will be done," not only in the acceptance of pain and bereavement, but in the chill of doubt and in the crisis of perplexity when the task of faith is so difficult. Thy will be done in the roar of the world with its ceaseless strife and in the whirl and din of its commercial life. When patriotism glows fervently and national aspirations are strong, O help us to pray the mighty prayer: "Thy will be done." In the name of our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ the Righteous. Amen.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1940

O BLESSED SAVIOUR OF LOVE, SYMPATHY, AND PATIENCE, we come to Thee for the forgiveness of sins and for the bread of life that Thou mayest be all in all to us. As daily life rushes on, enable us to know ourselves to be true. Let selfishness be transformed until it embraces our friends, our community, our country, and our world. Heavenly Father, sanctify all bereavement, and grant that some leaves from the tree of life may fall and be caught for the healing of sorrow. We pray that Thy abundant blessings may be upon all Thy ministers of every name. Clothe them with power that they may make known the counsel of God for the welfare of men. O unite Thy people by the affinities of the Christ love that charity and godliness may go forth throughout our land, crowning it with the glory of the Lord. We invoke Thy divine care to abide with our Speaker and the Congress. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1940

LIKE AS A FATHER PITIETH HIS CHILDREN, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him; for He knoweth our frame, He remembereth that we are dust. To this conclusion may we come with our trembling faith; Thou hast loved us and wilt love us unto the end. That life, so sacrificial that it reached the summit of the cross is too holy to be forgotten; it must continue and be relived until the consummation of the world. We pray Thee that the hands that were laid on the heads of little children and washed the disciples' feet will yet inspire the works of man until they reach the divine. When in the throes of difficulty, may we not elude it; let it shake the soul and let the glory out. O happy is he who, with a calm mood and wise vision, sees Thy guaranty for the destiny of man in an ordered world; happier is he who sees the divine purpose beyond the shadows, that creation itself shall be delivered from the bondage and corruption into the glory of the liberty of the children of God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1940

OUR BLESSED HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray Thee to make manifest to us that which is entire truth, honor, and fidelity that these virtues may be swept into the treasury of our daily conduct. We come to Thee that we

may have life that is not a mere existence written in a wounded past and a halting future but life rich, unfailing, ever deepening and eternal: O this is life eternal that we may know Thee, the only true God, Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. Our gratitude rises to Thee that the old world hopes and aspirations come winging through the radiance of Thy glory. O just to be in a living world to labor and walk its kindly, brotherly ways and be alive more and more! Enable us to heed the messages to the churches of old: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thee for Him whose name is the Prince of Peace; how manifold are the images of Him. The child still stands in open-eyed wonder before Him as He puts strange questions to the temple sages; to the laborer He is still the carpenter toiling in the Nazareth workshop; to the tempted He is still meeting the test in the wilderness and vanishing the tempter by His unshaken faith; to the weary He is still resting by the wayside well; to the bereaved He is still weeping beside the mourners at the tomb. O we thank Thee that we have seen Thy glory in the face of Jesus. Heavenly Father, in His holy name let there come forth a new knighthood that will fling down the challenge before racial and creedal hate, malice, and the strongholds of sin. Do Thou guide the world, for it is blind; deliver it, for it is in bondage; and save it ere it is lost. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1940

MOST GRACIOUS GOD, we praise Thee that the essence of life is divine. Made in His image is the immortal word in the front door of Thy Holy Book. Help us not to belittle the past nor curtain the future. This old, old truth may we never deny. It is as ancient as the heart of the Almighty, yet as new as the last aspiration that reaches the throne of grace. Not in dumb resignation, dear Lord, do we lift our hearts in prayer, but to enjoy the unbroken inflows of fresh, new wonder while eternity's flame burns deep in our breasts. Do Thou impart to blind, mortal eyes the abiding assurance that, however dark the night, the shadow-draped hills but conceal the brighter dawn. Inspire us to unveil the cross and see infinite love struggling for expression and learn that mercy is greater than sacrifice and that truth is more wonderful than fiction. Blessed be Thy holy name; these will live until the stars grow cold and the leaves of the judgment book unfold. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

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MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1940

OUR GRACIOUS FATHER IN HEAVEN, we pray that the words of the Apostle, "Thy will be done," may put exultation in our minds and hearts; letus delight to do Thy will. Lift us out of any selfishness into an absorbing dignity and responsibility that our labors may be threaded with a great and exalted purpose. Baptize us with Thy grace like the sunlight behind the flower until we walk in Thy ways, thinking Thy thoughts, and making the weak strong and the strong just. O let Thy will be done within the four walls of our own country; grant that this prayer may liberate all stricken ones that are chained to the prison house of poverty, sin, and despair. O Thou Christ of the lonely way, Thou Rose of Sharon, forever bloom in our own hearts. We would keep silence before Thee. The presence of a chivalrous and brave soldier is with us. In this Chamber he labored faithfully and at the last paid the full measure of sacrifice. O Thou who telleth the tale of unspeaking death lift the curtain of that which is to come. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1940

O MASTER CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, our minds are darkened and confused. More and more enable us to seek the philosophy of Jesus of Nazareth and the loving wisdom of His heart. He whose nature is spirit, whose character is love, can only be discovered by spiritual vision and known by the loving heart. We pray that the voice of the Divine One, whose seat is in the bosom of the Almighty, may be heard by this stricken world. We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for His unsearchable riches which are measured by His holy nature. We beseech Thee to give us the vision of the consummation of His plan into which all lives and institutions are to be built and unto Him be glory forever. Forever shall His praise go up; forever shall His blessing come down. We are humble blessed Lord, as human speech, time-colored, breaks down as the anthem of praise falls into the eternities. O grant that earth may put off her garments of weariness and clothe herself to rejoice in the courts of the ever-living God. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1940

WE HAVE HEARD WITH OUR EARS, O GOD, and our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days in times of old. Turn us again, O God of Hosts, and cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved. Comfort the oppressed, feed the poor, and send the laboring conscience peace. For the glory of Thy name purge away our sins and deliver us; cause us to hear Thy loving kindness in the morning, and show us the way wherein we should walk. We pray that we may see in Calvary the wondrous light that makes men free, without which a fairer world cannot be built. We entreat Thee to help us so to live and labor that we shall leave the earth forever brighter.

While the years come and go, may our memory stimulate faith, devotion, and goodness in the channels of public and private life. May we bequeath to the world the grand legacy of pure, useful living which age cannot wither, nor this priceless heirloom be destroyed. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1940

Eternal God, strong to save, hear us when we call to Thee. O Thou, the unaging Christ, who hast suffered for every sin-convicted heart; Thou Holy Spirit, the Divine comforter, who didst brood upon the waters and bade the wild confusion cease; O Holy Trinity of love, mercy, and power, enable us by faith to cling to Thee. Incline our hearts to wisdom, our souls to love, and our lives to faith that the sweetening streams of the higher humanities may flow forth, unfolding and revealing Thy holy will in this changing world. By Thy help may we forsake every known evil, retire into the hushed depths of our own being and pray to God who wears the robes of the universe: "O Lord, make bare Thine arm and Thy righteous will be done." O lift us beyond the dust of matter into the morning realms of hope and vision where the tree of life spreads its branches, and here may we yearn for a deeper rest not known before. In the holy name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1940

Our heavenly Father, behind all changes Thou dost ever abide in eternal constancy. As Thou hast counseled us in our unwisdom to ask of Thee, we beseech Thee to bestow upon us now and evermore the wisdom of righteous living. We thank Thee for the light that reveals unto us the divine estimate of human life, that lifts the veil of mystery from struggle and sacrifice. As humanity is growing weary in its tramp down the ages, as evil roars through the world, awaken intellect and character to banish its sin and shame and let us understand that nothing built on the crumbling rock of wrong can finally last. O may we learn to know Thee in the world about us and in the secret places of our own hearts. Blessed be Thy holy name. Thou wilt speak to us when we are in trouble, guide our footsteps when we have lost our way, and renew our courage when we have become disheartened. Today let us hear Thy voice saying, "Peace be unto thee; be strong, be strong." In the Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1940

Our Father in Heaven, we praise Thee that in the upper spiritual world the billowing tides of love and mercy are ever flowing from the infinite breast of the Almighty One. We earnestly pray Thee that they may enrich every faculty, unify all worthy purposes, harmonize all true and sincere workers, sweeten the speech of all tongues, and transfigure all hopes. Thy masterpiece, O God, is a human creature of thought, of vision, and of character all

compact. We thank Thee for Thy holy word, which embodies the true ideal for all: "Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches; let him that glorieth, glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, for I am the Lord which exerciseth loving kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1940

As the Father hath sent me into the world, even so have I sent you. Teach us, O Lord God, that there is a divine purpose in each life. Do Thou send us forth to the pasture lands of truth and feed our souls upon the hilltops of the spiritual; there show us how to wait in holy silence till Thou hast made Thy will known to us. We pray Thee to inspire us dauntlessly to grasp the higher, the larger, and the completing realities of our Saviour. Amid the clanging discords of men and nations, substitute the Christian unity revealed in our Lord and Master. We thank Thee that Thou art the bread of life, and Thee alone do we seek. We need God manifest in the flesh, God stooping to our lowliness, God strengthening our weakness and lifting us to the high, still places where life is tranquil and sweet and its loveliness is immortal. Through Christ our most merciful Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1940

Blessed Lord God, most merciful and most gracious, amid the tumult of the day enable us to hear Thy calming voice. In a dreary outlook upon a distracted world, crown our minds with unconquerable faith and our hearts with uncrushed hopes. Help us through all waiting hours to deny the claim of every earthly folly and sin, standing erect and freeing ourselves as becometh Thy children and the servants of the state. Inspire us with the mind that receives the expressions of the eternal mind and with the heart that responds to the quivering heart of the Divine. Permit no future to allow an eclipse of our faith nor the splendor of the peace of God, who brought again from the dead the Great Shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, we beseech Thee to hew out of earth's prison walls portals of release, until the thundering soul of Christendom finds religious tolerance and political freedom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1940

Our Father in heaven, our hearts go out to Thee in gratitude for all the strong, self-sacrificing men whom Thou hast raised up in every age to be the bearers of truth and justice. By the heavens above and the earth beneath, by the faith which has come down to us through the ages, by the

eternal hope that shines brighter than the sun, by the love which neither time nor space can sever, by the still small voice, O bid us go forward to quit ourselves like men in the great battle of life. Let Thy kingdom come in all our hearts that we may meditate pure thoughts and speak words of wisdom. Charity thinketh no evil; a soft answer turneth away wrath; a good deed touches the hearts of men; behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. O stars of God, shine over the earth, over the seas, and over our broad land for a million years and a day, and ever lead us to the coveted goal of peace and brotherhood. Continue to bless our most honorable Speaker with growing health and strength; direct the Congress in the paths of wisdom and discretion. So guide our President and his advisers that our Nation may continue to be an inspiration in this old world for righteousness and justice; in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR MOST MERCIFUL FATHER, we rejoice that the night is not eternal and when it is gone there comes another day bringing with it a new, glad morning of hope and promise. O let us hear in our breasts the musings of the peace of God which passeth all understanding. Do Thou inspire us by the mercies of our Saviour to follow after love which is the soul's richest attainment and heaven's highest vocation. Knowledge may come, wisdom linger, but love never faileth. It is the oldest and the newest remedy for human ills because it is the divinest. We praise Thee that the everlasting arms are as dependable as the everlasting hills and humanity's hopes are realized in a dateless Christ. As heirs of an ageless kingdom, we look up to Thee with gratitude and praise. O Thou, who whispereth through the worlds of space, let us hear the music we hope to sing. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1940

O LORD GOD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, in this varied world of ours, quivering with the unexpected, tremulous with breaking wonders, swift with speaking horrors, veiled with unplucked mysteries, help us to say: It is God's world and good for man to be in it. O let it not be too much with us to lay waste our powers. Heavenly Father, some of us are journeying through the earlier years, some are rushing through the noontide of prime, and yet others are on the summit of age. As we face toward the sealed mysteries, we pray for Thy blessings of grace, love, and communion to be with us. O eternal Christ of God, holy Saviour, in sinful tendencies, in human unworthiness, we would bear with Thee the scourge and the cross. The very breath of the Almighty is moving on, the hush of expectation is upon the air as our Lord enfolds the world in His deathless arms of love and mercy. O grant us the spirit of devotion, the courage to confess our

undying faith; do Thou comfort us with the thoughts that overleap the flight of time and give us vision of our immortal destiny. We rejoice that it is Thine only begotten Son that harmonizes the soul with its universe, and its Maker for time and eternity. In His holy name. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1940

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we would tarry at the altar of prayer in the serenity of Christian faith and with imperishable hope. As the night of Calvary will soon wear its robe of darkness, pierce it with a star which gives us visions of earth's darkness and heaven's light being dissolved into the radiance of eternity. Blessed Lord, the world has grown weary of its long, long tramp down the reaches of time. O let humanity forget its forced marches, its smiting aches, and gnawing despairs by remembering Him who opened the House of God for the parliament of man. We pray Thee to take us into the lonely garden of spiritual aspiration, to those Gethsemanes where the world will be behind us; there, beyond the city wall, reveal to us the imponderable things which enrich the soul and there inspire us to live lives that will last forever. O bring to our minds the agony of the cross, unveil it before our waiting eyes; may we feel our fragile might and our gross unworthiness. O come like a holy benediction, walking through the quiet chapels of our souls; hear our prayer amid the falling shadows and give us peace. We pray in His holy name whose pardon we seek and whose guidance we beseech. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1940

(Prayer offered in the United States Senate)

O THOU WHO HAST BORNE OUR GRIEFS AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS, Thou who wast wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, consider and hear us. Allow not the clouds and the darkness to be around about Thy throne. We bow and bend at the altar of prayer, mercy, and supplication. We unveil the cross and behold infinite love struggling for infinite expression.

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy holy name be glory and honor, both now and ever. We pray that Thy holy truth may become coextensive with the being of man throughout the wide earth. O may the throngs touch the hem of Thy garment, that the pangs of hate and paralyzing fear may no longer stain the hearts of men.

We tarry a moment as we vision the rugged brow of Calvary clothed in darkness and blackness because of human weakness and sin. God help us to glimpse and to vision at its foot the glory, the promise, the faith, and the hope of a new coming day. In Thy holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thee that while treason revolted against truth and nailed it to a cross, we behold in our glorified Lord the triumph of love over hate, of right over wrong and of life over death. We earnestly pray that the Christ may be unto us a living crucible in which all our sins are burned away; keep us ever conscious that the worst thing for us to forget is that we are sinners. Lord God of the nations, we pray for peace to come when war, woe, and mockery shall be swept from the face of the earth and it shall rest like a heavenly benediction upon its troubled mind with its heavy heart. O let the new age come, the new life, the new progress and the new joy. Grant that everything good may come to our President, our Speaker, and every Member, officer, and employee of the Congress; may all the hushed voices of the human heart bless our homes and Thine shall be the glory forever, through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1940

O GOD, BEFORE WHOSE FACE THE GENERATIONS RISE AND PASS AWAY, we pray for strength and wisdom to live in peace and joy. Sanctify our aspirations in everything that elevates and refines. We pray that we may have Thy greatness of spirit which is the gift of Thy love, that even in the little things we may discern the Lord's way. We thank Thee for the glory of the morning and for the life with which the firmament is brimming. If we have taken Thy bread and it brought to us no message; if we have enjoyed a night of rest and it left us with no sense of gratitude; if we have had enjoyment and encouragement and have not seen Thee in them, do Thou open our eyes. Heavenly Father, it shall be a glorious ministry if Thou wilt send us forth in the common ways of service and find that they glow with the presence of the Lord. Help us to labor on, discharging little duties, attending to little deeds, neglecting no kindly fellowship and conscious that our daily lives are hallowed by the blessing of Thy guidance. Unto Thee be eternal praise. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1940

WE GIVE THEE THANKS AND PRAISE, OUR FATHER AND OUR GOD, for our blessed Redeemer through whom Thy mercy and love have been made known to us. Grant us, we pray Thee, a ready response to every noble thought, incite us with fair play and with a deep desire to know and do Thy holy will. Inspire us to adorn the teaching of the Master, may it lead us in a grandly cooperative service, giving expression to deeds of unselfishness, wise and just for all men. We rejoice that this is our Father's world with its life deep and boundless; unaffrighted by the stars above and undismayed by the graves below. Out of the deep we came and into the

deep we go, soothed and saved, deathlessly nourished by the one great Shepherd. His rod and staff will comfort us as we pass through the enshadowed valley leading to the lustrous portals of our eternal home. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1940

O THOU SON OF GOD, OUR SAVIOUR AND REDEEMER, be patient with our deficiencies; woo all unbrotherliness from our hearts and forgive us in the plentitude of Thy love and mercy; lead us to repentance that Thy very word may have breath in human hands and deeds. Hasten the day, dear Lord, when men shall learn that right and not might, that character and not efficiency, that Christ and not Caesar shall rule; and by these both men and nations are to live. O fill us with one pursuit which shall never lose its enchantment; one task that shall always yield new and soul-deep satisfactions; to deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, we praise Thee that Thou hast made Thyself known to us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him we have words for our tongues, thoughts for our minds, and light for our eyes; O be Thou unto us a Saviour. Take from our hearts our burdens as we help others to lift theirs. Keep us from being narrow and willful, that our daily desire may be to walk with Thee in new strength, new beauty, and in new joy. Heavenly Father, if faith is the victory that overcometh the world, arm us with its power; if it be better to minister than to be ministered unto, teach us that the lowliest duty done is the highest service unto Thee; if love is better than hate and will help us bear all things, endure all things, and will last when prophecies fail and tongues cleave the dust, O God, wing our words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart. Scatter every cloud of doubt, that we may gather from the fields of abounding faith the living sheaves that are to be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1940

O CHRIST OF GALILEE, we beseech Thee to hear us while we humbly wait at the altar of prayer; O Spirit pure and holy, possess these hearts of ours. Hold to our lips the Holy Grail that from the blessed cup we may drink deep of the water of life. Instead of the vexing voice of regrets, fill our hearts with happy memories of the Bethels where our Heavenly Father appeared and blessed us. In grateful recollection stay our minds in the great peace of them who love Thy law and whom nothing shall offend. Remember those who are in weariness and in pain. Draw them closer to Thee and breathe Thy loving spirit into every troubled breast. Bless them upon

whom lie the responsibilities of the social, the commercial, and the political life of the world. Summon their souls to fight the good fight with soldierly courage. O bridge the great gulfs of discord, wherein the clanging cymbals of hate and tyranny are in defiant swing. In the name of the Saviour of men. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1940

Almighty and most merciful Father, holy, holy is Thy name; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. We pray Thee to extend our vision to cover the adventures of thought and action in seeking to perform our whole duty. We pray that nations may cease to reckon their wealth in possessions rather than in Christian ideals. Blessed Lord, as life today is a tremendous challenge to our faith, inspire us to catch a vision of Thy righteous purpose for all humanity, and then may we give ourselves unfalteringly to do Thy will. O save us from the guilty sin of indifference and stir our hearts with a passion for men. Almighty God, our help in ages past, as envy and hate are writing lines of blood and fire across the world, stay the mighty tides of fear which are being hurled against the promises of our holy faith. We pray that our country may ever stand with open arms of peace and brotherhood where cross the crowded paths of life. Through Christ our blessed Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1940

Most merciful Father, who causeth the light to shine out of darkness and maketh the day to follow the night, we give Thee thanks and praise for Thy loving care which has brought us to the light of a new day. Grant that the light of faith, hope, and love shining within us may dispel all darkness. O Master of the hillside, stand in the midst of the throngs that crowd our city's streets that they may learn patience, contentment, and be led to follow where Thy feet have trod. Purify all hearts with noble passions and invigorate all wills with divine thoughts and aspirations. How prone we are, dear Lord, to shrink from difficulties and tremble at the dangers in our way. Deliver us from faint-heartedness and enable us to stand in the glorious liberty of those who fear nothing but to offend Thee. O blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity and in whose heart there is no guile. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1940

Almighty God, our most merciful Father, in a world which is exhausting itself in stupidity and passion, we pray for the Lordship of the Man of Galilee. In this bleak period of humanity may He stand among us in His moral and spiritual leadership, with a glowing warmth of enthusiastic faith in man and his destiny. Dear Lord, as energies are limited and needs appalling, in Thy risen power grant us the guidance of Thy

truth and wisdom. With true conscience and deepening understanding, and enriched with the finest privileges, help us to labor for those cleansing and redeeming relationships. Hold us in fellowship with the life spiritual that we may never allow ourselves to make dreary selfishness the prison of our souls. Inspire us with an expanding, world-wide vision that unites all men in the tasks of education, social reform, and religion; help us in those aims which are worth serving and which will win response in the heart of this vindictive world. In these days of his absence, bless and abide with our beloved Speaker. In the Redeemer's name. Heavenly Father, again we are reminded that in the midst of life we are in death. In the valley may we fear no evil. Give Thy comforting presence to the loved one who is to follow on. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1940

MERCIFUL FATHER, grant that we may welcome this new day as Thy gift—taking up our duties and following the light which Thou dost give us. Conscious of the meaning and the purpose of life, may we consecrate ourselves anew to a strong, courageous, adventurous faith, realizing that we enter into fellowship with all who have been workers together with Thee. As Thou hast been interpreted by the glorified cross, O make it real to all hearts. By accepting the Christ, we accept the life He lived, making His aims and ambitions our own; exalted when inspired by Him, love and faith, in Him make the perfect man. Today guide our feet in the way of Thy commandments and fill our souls with Thy presence. We praise Thee that Thou art the Lord of life and Thy life is the light of men. We thank Thee and complain not—in the name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1940

O THOU WHO ART LOVE, KNOWLEDGE, AND POWER OVER ALL THE EARTH, we wait at Thy altar of prayer, knowing that it is but the hem of Thy garment that we may touch. By faith may we hold fast until we see Thy disclosure of the blossoming of the wilderness, unsmitten by the winter of peril and unscorched by the blight of summer. O God, the evangel of the Nazareth Carpenter is cast out and blasphemed as suffering humanity is blindly convulsed in the throes of war. It is so difficult for us to think that such darkness can be concealed in the hearts of men. We beseech Thee, dear Lord, to be with us. Only the hand that was nailed to the cross is worthy to wield the scepter. O breathe through the multitudes that they may never be haunted by the iniquitous dreams of conquest; hush in silence the inhuman whispers of aggression. Restore the sanctuaries of peace and good will that their shafts of light may fall across the troubled heart of this whole world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1940

Our Father in heaven, we praise Thee that we are the children of one God, with common hopes, common aspirations, and with common destinies. As our souls are born for immortality, we pray that we may allow no ventures to daunt us, no tasks to tire us, and no thoughts to overwhelm us. As the days come and go, enable us to go on in vigor, in the way of a living trust, and with a faith that inbreathes the Divine, even as the new spring flower takes in the air and sunlight. The Lord God, stimulate our citizens with the genius of appreciation. Increase our reverence for those who laid down their lives in the struggle for human freedom, righteousness, and justice. Read our hearts, blessed Lord God: No thoughts can exhaust our wonder, no words can express the gratitude that we feel for those who labored and died to make our Republic possible. O Spirit of the Most High, send out the mighty streamers of Thy light far into the future years of our fair land until all humanity shall become sacred and all men shall have bread enough and to spare. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1940

O God, our merciful Father, become unto us a supreme reality, then our lives may yield that inner unity which is the secret of peace and power. Unite us to Thee by a common task, by a humble devotion, and by the noblest aspirations which underlie all clear and high endeavor. Thou flawless one, come and dwell in the invisible sanctuaries of our souls. Suffuse our natures with patience, restraint, and with a trust enkindled by the spirit of our Lord and Master. As the human conscience is a guide and whitely true that it turns to Thee, we pray keep us this day without blemish and free from stain. Arouse our souls to scale new heights of honor and sacrifice and may Thy will be done in all things. We beseech Thee for earthly peace; O let fears begin to vanish and let us hear the chimes of good will peal forth in this troubled and tragic hour of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1940

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, in humble petition we bend low at the altar of prayer. We lift our voice, praising Thee for our own blessed land of light and liberty. O give us the cross; give us Calvary; and with these may we stand with lamps of truth blazing across the sighing breast of the world, weighed down with violence and passion. We thank Thee for the Galilean Teacher, who is still the Carpenter of Nazareth; who is still vanquishing the tempter with unshaken power; who is still at the wayside well to help the weary; who is still at the tomb weeping with the mourners. O God, let the beauty of the Lord be upon all mankind, which is staggering with increasing tragedy and marching the fiery ways, leading to darkness

and death. Perform again the great miracle and command the sun of time to stand still that the armies of the Lord may come forth in patience and restraint to succor the victims who are faced with a blind destiny; grant that the forces of evil may see the salvation of our God. Be with our President, our Speaker, and the Congress, and bless them with the courage and wisdom which they so much need in these momentous days. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1940

THOU EVER BLESSED LORD, fill us with Thy Spirit that we may achieve great things in patience, in perseverance, in life, and in every good word and work. Grant that our zeal and diligence may inspire wise endeavor in those who are listless and careless. Though the signs of the times may give but little comfort, measured by the years, yet the power of truth will be augmented until it gives ascendency to a new world and man shall know the vastness of our Father's house. We beseech Thee to cause the shadow of retribution to fall across all those who are swayed by the scepter of injustice and inhumanity. The Lord God forgive our sins and save us from ourselves. If we are covetous, may we not become slaves to our own selfishness, nor prey of evil desire. More and more relate us to the eternal, timeless things, such as love, purity, and truth, and Thine shall be the praise forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1940

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US AND BLESS US, and cause His face to shine upon us; that Thy way may be known upon earth; Thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge the people righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee; then shall the earth yield her increase and God, even our own God, shall bless us; God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1940

LORD GOD OF OUR FATHERS, we thank Thee that Thou art the same God who hath ruled through the confusion of the nations. Thou art still seeking in countless ways to work out Thy holy purpose in such a world with its rage, tears, and needs; do Thou increase the power of our faith; may we soon behold the twilight of a new day. We pray that our Nation may be so upright that it may stand before the whole earth with such self-restraint, with such patience toward all those who are weak and wicked, and with such conceptions of understanding that all men may love that liberty with

which Christ makes His people free. Do Thou preserve us from a baffled and a betrayed will. Lead our steps in the power and pride of life with work to do for men, with minds and hearts to love and serve Thee, and Thine shall be the praise forever. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1940

Our Heavenly Father, at early dawn, as we look toward the east, we know that the morning is coming, that the light is advancing, and that ere long the sun will pour forth its light and fullness. O Sun of Righteousness, send out Thy light, that we may perceive the fading of the night and the coming of the day. We yearn with deep desire to be Thy children with the morning promise and hope and with the right attitude toward God and man. It is blessed to live, but it is more blessed to live well, for our works do follow us. Through the future years, when foundations will have crumbled, the influences sent forth from this Chamber will be part of the great pattern of the world's history. O may our ambition ever be to serve our country and conform our wills to Thy holy purpose. Grant that we may walk humbly and patiently before men and be filled with the spirit of the Master, giving it increasing strength day by day, and Thine shall be the praise. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1940

O infinite Father of mercy, breathe through our humble prayer. We beseech Thee to reach forth Thy arms of power and encircle the earth that it may feel the nearness and the might of God. Great gulfs of discord and the clanging cymbals of war are crashing around us; according to Thy love and mercy, hear and answer us. Dear Lord, our hearts grow sick as the pagan struggle rages near and far. O speak Thy word in the ears and lay Thy cooling hand upon all marching legions. Haunt them with the thought of the homeless, pain them with the hunger of the poor innocents; crush them with the cries of the children; minister unto the heavy laden and bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted. O Spirit of the Most High, move upon the turbulent waters and let peace come upon the bosom of the tempest, and there shall be light. Bless our Speaker and the Congress; prepare us for the duties of the week; may Thy spirit be with us, lightening the tasks and directing our ways. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1940

MEMORIAL SERVICE

O Thou in whose presence our souls take delight, on whom in affliction we call, Thou wert our fathers' God. In the darkness Thou gavest them light, in danger, succor, and in uncertainty, guidance. The light of Thy word was their inspiration, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whither-

soever thou goest." O let us hear the carol in the clouds, view the rock amid the waves, and see the star in the valley. Lead us, O Christ, in the toilsome way of Gethsemane and Calvary, and in all our needs give us strength and grace. Bless Thou the memory of those who have wrought well and passed on. Unto all hearts that are bowed down today, minister unto them the comfort and the consolations of Thy richest blessings.

We are reminded, dear Lord, that our days are swiftly passing by. Yesterday we were not, tomorrow we shall be gone. O how changing are the fortunes of life—laughter and tears, melody and lamentation. Mid the fleeing shadows, O may the good angels sing the song of hope in every breast. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1940

THOU WHO ART THE LORD GOD ALONE, Thy truth shall stand while rolling years cease to move. On a melancholy hill, outside the city wall, a Man was crucified for the sake of this world, unveiling the living, loving, sheltering heart of the Father. We pray Thee to make us partakers of our Saviour's grace. Touch the supreme sanctions of our souls that we may realize that through Him we are made able to brave the shadows cloaking our humanity. Do Thou persuade us, blessed Lord, that a man's life consisteth not in the things he possesseth but rather in the thoughts he thinks, in the motives that mold his actions, and in the ideals toward which he presses; it is a surety that changes not, that he who serves mammon loses his own soul. Our Father, do Thou unite all the Members of this notable Congress and bring them into the fellowship of unity and cooperation. Continue to make Thy pathways through the realms of our immortal souls and Thine shall be the glory forever. Through Christ Our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1940

BEHOLD, WHAT MANNER OF LOVE THE FATHER HATH BESTOWED UPON US that we should be called the sons of God. Thou art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think; therefore do Thou work within us the purpose and the pleasure of Thy holy will. We rejoice that the zone of Thy Fatherhood in its sympathies, provisions, and invitations is as wide as the races of men. All glory, honor, and majesty be unto Thee, O Lord most high. Spare us from life's sorest loss, a loving and a believing heart. Almighty God, as human life is so manifold and so inglorious today, making its cries heard around the world, have mercy, have mercy. The cross, with its meaning and purpose, is but faintly gleaming in the minds of men. O stay Thou the flood of terror generated by the insanity of war. Draw near to all who are contesting their way in this burdened world, overtaken by fear, disaster, and death. Be with us, O Good Shepherd, make plain the pathway of duty, and Thine shall be the praise. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1940

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray Thee to enter more abundantly into our hearts, that we may have deeper love, and broader sympathies for our fellow men. Marvelous things are spoken of Thee, O God of our earthly Zion. In the deepest recesses of our breasts may we know that Thou art our Father upon earth, full of grace and truth. We thank Thee for this day of happy springtime. The orchards are budding, the fields are promising, the flowers are blooming, the birds are singing, the waters are rippling, and on upland and lowland the sunlight is smiling, and promise is everywhere. O lead us to consecrate the glory and the beauty of this day to Thee; open our eyes that it may be a fresh disclosure of the Infinite God, whose master hand is over all. Bless our spirits; deeper than we have known, clearer than we have seen, light the flames of divine love on the altars of all hearts. Enable us to pursue our labors with understanding, patience, self-restraint, and soften every impulse by reflection. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 1940

Our Father, who art in heaven, whose goodness faileth never, hallowed be Thy name. Condescend, we pray Thee, to hear our prayer. We pray for the presence of Him who is the inspiration of the worthiest thought and action. We praise Thee that back of this marvelous world house, back of our joys and afflictions, back of our problems and perplexities, back of earth's prayers and longings is a good God who has never known defeat. We earnestly beseech Thee to clothe us with the power of those virtues—faith and hope—which conquers doubt, subdues fear, and destroys hate. Amid the torturing conditions of earth may we turn to the will of God for spiritual reinforcement and harken unto His word: For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess to God; glory be to Thy name, O Lord most high. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1940

Our Father in heaven, restful are the moments of prayer when we can look up and feel the presence of the Christ who came to seek and to save that which was lost. We pray that He may encircle us, revealing the higher truths, wider charities, and rarer purities than we have known. We thank Thee for this day, another dispensation of Thy providence. Be Thou unto us the wisdom that makes error difficult, the light that makes the darkness fade and the bread of heaven that quickens the best impulses of our souls. Consider the Congress, dear Lord; bless the bonds of fraternity, the ties of friendship, and the affections of all homes. Grant that no failures, no regrets, and no sin may follow in the wake of this day. Let us brave every ignoble thing and temper, being sure of the fullness of victory, whatever our weakness, and always aiming at the sincerest, deepest, and purest personal life. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1940

FATHER OF ALL MANKIND, Thou art the peace that dwelleth in the night-time and the brightness that cometh with the dawn. Beneath life's busy activities help us ever to see the good which Thou art working out among men. In all labor give us courage to stand without compromise, grace to be superior to praise or blame, ready to protest against wrong and injustice. O Thou who dost reveal an ideal of ethical perfection, prompt us to speak with profound sincerity and to aspire to a higher, holier life. As the enlargement of the heart means an increase of light, love, and truth, touch our spirits anew, awakening them to a full appreciation of the things eternal. Merciful Father, turn Thy power of cleansing into the haunts of misery and into this world of strife and hate. Crown us with the inspirations of a robust faith, with the spirit of sacrifice, and with the subjection of self. Hold our people throughout our land in self-restraint, striving in countless ways to succor the sons and daughters of peace. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1940

INCREASE OUR FAITH, O GOD, and forgive wherein we have faltered and failed; in much thought of the world, we have missed the passion of Jesus. Let us be less troubled about the ways of others and more alive in the higher realms of thought, feeling, and tolerance; less disturbed about the ebb and flow of the changing scenes of life. Take away the persistent shadow of self and fill us with godly consideration for the honesty and high motives of our fellow men. We pray that we may walk together in our own land of the living, for Thou hast dealt bountifully with us. If we hallow our blessings, reverence our fair name, esteem our influence and power, we shall experience a spiritual enrichment. We most humbly pray for all churches in their devoted endeavors to promote cooperation and good will throughout the broad earth. Oh, hasten the hour in which all faiths shall blaze a pathway of brotherhood in uncharted lands and the divine plan shall arise to replace the broken strings in the harp of the world. Through Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1940

ETERNAL GOD, FATHER OF OUR SPIRITS, we come to Thee in the name of Him who unites our hopes and seals our love; judge us not in Thy displeasure; look upon our infirmities and remember us in mercy. Bear with us in the pity of Thy heart and in the strength of Thy grace. Truly Thou art a sun and a shield, and no good thing dost Thou withhold from Thy children; be pleased to accept the grateful offerings of our hearts. Enable us always, in every situation, to honor ourselves by keeping our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking guile. "Know ye not that ye are the

temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Thou hast revealed Thyself in light and riches of grace; may we listen to the teaching of Thy word: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service, and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." We praise Thee, gracious Father, that Thy merciful providence has returned to us our beloved Speaker in good health and increased strength. In the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1940

BLESSED LORD GOD, come Thou to our waiting hearts and minds. Forgive us everything which is unworthy of the holy name which we have taken upon our lips. As high and patriotic tasks are set before us, help us to fulfill them in accordance with the very best traditions of our Republic. Do Thou direct the Congress in the solution of its problems and questions, and may it eagerly seek the best and the wisest. Dispel all earth-born clouds, and be gracious unto the whole family of our citizens. Come to us in the light of Him who fulfills our hopes, dreams, and aspirations. Almighty God, truly Thou hast written Thy hand upon the pages of this radiant world. May we be still and feel its unspoken silences; keep us alive to the unutterable wonders of the springtime of promise; alive to walk its kindly, brotherly ways; alive to know that the essence of life is divine and that we are to be alive more and more forever. In the blessed name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1940

MOST MERCIFUL FATHER IN HEAVEN, Thy fatherhood is the overarching and the undergirding reality of our abiding hopes. Through mercy divine, we are still treading the ways of Thy providence; O touch to harmony and patience our immortal souls. Grant that the Christ spirit may melt into cooperation all privileges, powers, and restraints. Do Thou guide us in our needs; be at our side when the way is uncertain and restrain us in all unwholesome tendencies; give inspiration and direction to all that is done in this memorable Chamber and out of this day's experiences shall there come new vision, greater outlook, and broader understanding and sweeter joys. In these silent moments may we rededicate ourselves to righteous duty, righteous authority, and, above all, to a righteous God. Almighty One, bring man into harmony with his world home. Thy majesty hangs in the window of every star, on the summit of every mountain, and in the face of every flower. Let the benediction of Thy care rest upon our Speaker and the Congress, and Thine shall be the glory. Through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

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MONDAY, MAY 20, 1940

O THOU WHO DOST REMEMBER WHEN THE WORLD FORGETS, our faith looks up to Thee as the source of all good. As the sword of hate is drawn from its black sheath, the morrow of victory may be more perilous than its eve; O hear the troubled voice of our prayer. On the sea of humanity the tides are running crimson to the iron-toned discords of military vandals. Harps of national peace and contentment are hung on the willows of despair; songs are stifled as by the waters of Babylon. Thy children wait for the end. Almighty God, someway, somehow, let Thy voice be heard; O speak and let in the light. Grant that our Republic amid the torturing puzzles of man's inhumanity to man, may stand unafraid as the clouds wind through the shadow-hung skies. Permit no servitude and shame to dim the lights of our altars. As citizens who cherish the ideals of a free people, lift us to a high level of patriotic devotion. O bless the cornerstone of our holy faith that was laid in that far-off time; following with listening, obedient souls lead us daily to the tablelands of prayer. Manifest Thy guiding hand in all the affairs of the Congress. Let the starward look give poise and peace to our earthward steps. Be with our President and all his advisers. Grant that their wisdom, understanding, and their chivalry of heart may be felt throughout the length and breadth of this world's tragic life. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1940

STRONG SON OF GOD whose cross and star shall never fade, today, tomorrow, and in the days to come, in our memories and in our hopes be with us. Thou art our refuge and there is none like unto Thee. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her and that right early. The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1940

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we thank Thee that Thou art patient and willing to hear our prayer. Awaken in us a strong sense of those mercies with which Thou art blessing our beloved country. Because of Thy wonderful providence we are achieving the great tasks of our national life. We earnestly pray for our President, our Speaker, and the Congress. Grant that the spirit of Jehovah may rest upon them; the spirit of wisdom and under-

standing; the spirit of counsel and might; the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Let Thy blessings be upon the youth of our land. May they grow up to all truth, to fidelity, to industry, to temperance in all things, to purity of thought and feeling, to reverence our Republic, and to a belief in God our Father and in His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. May they know the wealth and the commonwealth of Thy heart. O Thou who dost fulfill world-old dreams and hopes, let woven calms smite the breaking strings of the world's heart. Humanity is passing through a travail of tears and death; it is between two worlds, one dying and the other struggling to be born. Grant, Almighty One, that the cry of world dominion or death may soon be changed to God dominion and life. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1940

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, fill us with Thy love today, love for the truth, love for the ideals of purity and righteousness. Baptize us with the spirit of the Master and send us forth to our appointed tasks with a brightening, gladdening influence to cheer and strengthen any weary heart that we may meet in our day's journey. O God, at the altar of prayer may we adjust ourselves and have Thy presence about the circuit of our labors. Good Shepherd, we praise Thee that through all the length of days, Thy goodness never faileth. We pray that by the discipline of Thy Providence, we may hold ourselves calmly balanced, well-ordered, and rightly governed amid emotions, agitations, and provocations. Let them not be able to shake us from the steadfast purpose of self-government. Speed the great and glorious hour when the Lord shall shine forth and there shall be no night, but the glory of the Lord shall reign upon the earth as the sun in the heavens. For every fear the Christ presents a promise and for every suspicion He offers an assurance. In His holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1940

BENEATH THY MIGHTY HAND, O GOD, we humble ourselves in prayer. Thou hast a palm in conflict and an unextinguished cheer amid the outward chill. Grant that our deepest needs and highest wants may find fulfillment in Thee. The mantling cloud of war is hiding the faintest pulse of quivering light; while the Rachels are weeping and humanity seems to be sinking in the morass of despair, Thy good earth is strewn with the wreckage of men, women, and children. The heavy roads by night and day are filled with trudging, heart-broken wayfarers driven by the lash of the fiends of war. Heavenly Father, Thy kingdom is so far away and the voice of our prayer seems to die out in the disconsolate and empty spaces of a wicked world; forgive, dear Lord, our lack of faith and lift us out of the valley and set our feet on the mountain made beautiful by the feet of our redeeming Lord. Grant that the countless mercies which are now blessing our country may

call us to the altar of humility and prayer. In this hour of earthly calamity, move us by imperative duty and by the cries and yearnings of humanity, awakening us from repose and preparing us for any coming day. In the name of our Saviour, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, from whom nothing is hid, with bowed heads we uncover our hearts as we wait in Thy presence. As Thou alone beholdest the secret of life, we can but trust that good will come and every winter change to spring. Thou who crowdest a world into a moment's time, we pray that all our powers may be taken in sacrifice as the incense of our prayer is swung to Thee. Let us be still and listen as we wait at the altar of a free and united people. As the doors of this Memorial Day are thrown open, may we know that Thou art the God of our fathers. O make us susceptible to their influence that right may prevail in those forces which control the destiny of our country. Heavenly Father, how we rejoice in these hours that the hearts of the South and the hearts of the North are dissolved as the tears of the Blue and the tears of the Gray are mingled above the hallowed sod of their heroes. While countless years roll on may we behold one flag, one Nation established in unity and with honor for all. Our hearts sing: "God cares." When the lights die down from our path, when love and music leave us in silence, when the shadows hang over us in long hours, when strength is feeble and friends forsake, when the spirit feels the shame of wrong, our hearts cry out: "God cares, God cares." In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1940

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, our Heavenly Father upon earth, that Thou art still mindful of us. Whither shall we go from Thy spirit? Or whither shall we flee from Thy presence? If we ascend into heaven, Thou art there. If we make our bed in the grave, behold Thou art there. If we take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shalt Thine hand lead us and Thy right hand shall hold us; how precious, O Lord, are Thy thoughts of us. O spirit of purity and grace, make our hearts Thy dwelling place. O Master, so rich in divine goodness, fill us with Thy love for mercy and pity. Almighty God, what would become of us if Thou wert not our Father? Take us in the arms of Thy care; interpret to us Thy holy purpose, even if it be but faintly and dimly revealed. As the sound of music afar off, may we hear Thy voice from the glory of Thine habitation. We thank Thee, blessed Lord, that America, the beautiful, still remains the citadel of Christian faith, freedom, and of public and private decency. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1940

OUR GRACIOUS MASTER, breathe into our hearts the peace and rest of Thy saving name; speak to us in the mystery of Thy waiting. Teach us to walk among men as Thou didst with patience, with faithful rebuking of evil, in discernment of speaking of the truth, and in the spirit of brotherhood. When the world is given to penury, when the heart aches and doubt hangs low; when so many things contest us and the beautiful teachings of our mothers are violated, O may we not lose ourselves between Calvary and Olivet. Make us strong to brighten the desert wastes of care, anxiety, and disappointment. When spiritual enthusiasms are being threatened, ideals being shattered, and hate is in a wild delirium of human wreckage, O Lord God, set Thy joy before us to seek and to save that which was lost. Thou art in the storm when the ship is tossing and in the vale when the heart is weeping. We thank Thee, that no matter what veiling fogs may shut out the stars, how often we may drop the anchor and wish for the day-dawn, nor how perilous the journey, O Thou Christ, the hope of the world, art with us. O hear us as we pray for our President, our Speaker, and the Congress assembled. May our entire country support and sustain them in their wise and patriotic decisions. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1940

O THOU WHO WERT THE WORD IN THE BEGINNING AND THAT WORD WAS WITH GOD AND GOD WAS THE WORD, O come from behind chaos and death; breathe upon our hopes, our ideals, and cause them to live anew. Depressingly shocked by the moral and religious impoverishment of this world, Almighty One, flow through its veins and arteries and stay the brutality which is filling the lands with injustice and staining the sea with blood. We pray that the work of restoration and spiritual enrichment in the sunless places of all the earth may soon give liberty to the captives and set the prisoners free. Let Thy word, O God, be our staff and our comfort. The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him and to the souls that seeketh Him. It is good that a man should both quietly wait and hope for the salvation of the Lord. He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man; Thou art the God of our strength. O send out Thy light and truth and bring them to Thy holy hill and to Thy tabernacles. The unsearchable riches of Christ are all-sufficient; they will be our glory in time and our surprises in eternity. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1940

O THOU, OUR EVERLASTING PORTION, at Thy footstool we offer our tributes of praise and gratitude. Thou who canst hear the falling of a tear and the whisper of a sigh, read our hearts, purify our purposes, and cleanse us from all hidden motives which are contrary to Thy righteous will. As the work of life is too long and too arduous to be borne alone, we beseech Thee, dear Lord, to direct us with Thy counsel and make plain for us the definite outlines of duty. Go with us through all the scenes of life and be with us when we reach the end. In the name of our holy Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1940

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH, for the glory of the skies, for the vale and tree and flower, for the joy of human love, for its pure and heavenly sacrifice, be pleased, dear Heavenly Father, to accept our prayer of thanksgiving and praise. O Thou who art without beginning and without end, come with us and lead us with a gentle restraint to bear and forbear; deliver us from any mistaken notion concerning Thee, and let us see Thy fatherhood in the likeness of Thine only begotten Son, continuing His revelation to our grateful and wondering hearts. May tomorrow cause us no serious anxiety, but help us to be men of today—strong, urgent, and prompt to serve—that the richest blessings and the greatest good may come to our Republic. In the name of our Saviour, our Elder Brother. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1940

O LORD GOD OF THE AGES PAST, upon the faith and hope of the Son of Man, who dignified and made sacred honest toil, to Him who lived like a servant and died like a God, we look for the fulfillment of our longings and aspirations. Grant that the blessing of His Spirit may fall upon the stony griefs that cross the ways of human life. We thank Thee for the spirit of the rugged prophet of old who threw himself into the gap that made up the defense of the land; let it fall like a compelling passion upon our fellow countrymen. In this hour, Lord God, give us great men, brave men, true and dauntless who can never be driven against the wall of tyranny and slavery. Bless and inspire, we beseech Thee, the common man, the bulwark of our national existence, as he rises in his glory from the farm and office, from the mine and factory, to make full and free response to preserve our Republic from the whited sepulchers of hidden treachery. Let us hear Thy voice calling "gird thyself" in unselfish devotion against the tragedies of this ongoing world. O may we not grow wearied in this challenging task as we feel the world on an incline which ends in the horrors of a great darkness. We pray that a united citizenship may stand in the gaps making up the hedge for God and our dear homeland. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1940

Our Father in heaven, with the light of this day, renew the sunlight of our spirits and the childhood of our hearts. Remind us that life is redeemed by sacrifice and service. Revive within us the sympathy that feels another's grief and shares another's gladness. The Lord help us to forgive that we may be forgiven; cleanse Thou us from secret faults. Grant that our faith in God, in man, and in our country may never die away. We earnestly pray Thee to give our national life a deeper, richer tone that preserves us from those powers of chaos and anarchy which are darker than unstreaked midnight. Thou hast made everything beautiful in Thy time, fair and sublime forms, yielding us their wealth as we pause to listen to their whispers. We praise Thee, our Father, that there is still something beyond, better than bread, more radiant than June skies, more blessed than the silences at twilight; something that urges us to bow and pray: Bless Thou the truth to us, dear Lord, as Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee. In the name of our dear Redeemer. Amen.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1940

Our Father in heaven, persuade us that to know the duty of the hour is wisdom and to discharge our obligations is a great virtue. Enable us to live up to Thy rule of right and to have a growing faith in the God of our fathers, whose chivalry of soul and vision of a just government challenge the admiration of humankind. Today let a halo of Thy presence be thrown over our country; speak the eternal truths which change not. Almighty God, we thank Thee for our Republic and for its historic institutions. May they ever abide for their glory and perpetuity upon the inalienable and God-given rights of man; ever inspire us to keep the trust, revere the truth, and honor Thy decrees. We praise Thee for our glorious flag, for all it symbolizes and teaches us. In song and in story, may it be honored today in city, hamlet, and countryside, especially by the youth of our land; God guide and bless them. Grant that its beauteous folds may be seen in our broad, open skies, telling of the onward sweep of liberty, tolerance, and justice. In the spirit of the Prince of Peace, with its celestial white, its sacrificial crimson, and with the stars of Thy providence, may it pose like a rainbow in every storm cloud of strife and discontent, declaring the unity and faith of a free, Christian people. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1940

Hear Thou our prayer, O Lord, from Thy dwelling place, even from Heaven; and when Thou hearest, forgive; Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty. Now, therefore, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name. Heavenly Father, the hour is dark, the peril is great; may the dawn soon come; lead us into that quietness and

hopefulness which are the strength of life. O King eternal, the wings of the brave, defending eagle have drooped and he can no longer battle with the storm; his heart is tired and fainting, but is undaunted still. A people that so long glowed with passions of right and justice is helpless and now contemplates its problems on the cruel anvil of defeat. O God of mercy, while the chivalrous soldier and the broken-hearted homeless, mocked by their melting hopes, die without realizing their tantalizing visions of home and rest, O grant that their enrichment may be fully realized in an everlasting inheritance. Through these perilous and arduous days, be Thou the constant guide and support of our President. By quiet thought, quiet duty, quiet energy, and by quiet prayer, steal upon us as a people and arm us to crusade for the redemption of man. In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, who dwellest in the beauty and glory of infinite holiness, we draw nigh to Thee as our merciful, Heavenly Father. So regard us that our minds shall be awake to strong and impelling desire for righteousness and peace. O Lord God, there is a shudder in the world, which makes it quiver to its foundation. Countless numbers of mankind are being bound by the chains of stalking, petrified hearts of conquest as they face the vast, all-engulfing abyss of terror. Stay Thou the foaming teeth of war with death in their jaws as they blaspheme the name of God and defame the souls of men. O loving Father, have mercy, have mercy as the multitudes of the crippled, the sightless, and the fatherless are driven before the wild flames of murder to their unknown graves. We pray Thee to strengthen our mighty hopes that make us Thy children; direct our country in every good work and bless all our institutions which mark the aspirations of a free people; pity us in our weaknesses; restrain us in our tendencies; be at our side when the way is unsafe. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1940

IN THIS SACRED STILLNESS, HEAVENLY FATHER, come Thou to our waiting hearts and minds. We thank Thee for Thy changeless goodness, which is manifested toward us in countless ways. Bless us with a pardon of our sins, with consciences which are sensitive to all wrong, and with strength to carry forward every good resolution. Comfort the poor and the distressed of our land and open the hearts of the fortunate and lead them to alleviate human suffering wherever found. Keep us loyal to our fathers' God, loyal to our country, loyal to our homes, and loyal to ourselves. Impress us that there are no errors in Thy eternal scheme and that all things work together for the final good of man. As we lift our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our strength, we pray that Thy loving providence may be over all and that every citizen of our country may lay his best gifts at the altar of our

Republic. Widen the sweeps of peace, contentment, and cooperation, defeating doubt, subduing fear, and destroying hate. May the Spirit of the Master give wise guidance, peace, and good health to our Speaker, the Members, officers, and employees of the Congress. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1940

O LIGHT OF GOD, fall on life's common ways where human lives are thronging in toil and weakness. Let understanding and courage come with the realization that religion is an experience of comfort, rest, and security; thus can discontent be driven out and the shadows of the future lifted; impress us that physical ease is not civilization. Inspire our people to take the Sermon on the Mount and translate its principles of honesty, purity, and unselfishness into good citizenship. Under God let the world of strife be shut out and the brotherhood of man shut in. O Master of the lonely way, show this drooping, bleeding world anew the wonders that make men free. Deepen in us the most earnest concern for peace, for suffering humanity, and for a passion for human freedom and for social justice. O crown us with conviction and not bigotry, with self-respect and not vanity, and with meekness and power. We pray that our strength may be as the strength of ten because our hearts are pure. Grant that any burdened one may bear patiently the cross of grief and pain. Let come the wisdom and the peace of God to dwell with our Speaker and the Congress. In the name of our ever-living Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 1940

O THOU, OUR EVERLASTING PORTION AND THE LORD OF LORDS, in these hallowed moments it is given us to realize the courage, the devotion, and the noble character of our forefathers. We pray Thee to give us the might of a growing faith in Thy providence, reminding us that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who built it." We praise Thee for those champions of liberty, truth, and justice. May their spirits live today in the ideals of our Republic as they bow over us in sacred benediction. From the unseen heights of Thy throne Thou didst guide their broken columns as they struggled to bring order out of chaos, service out of selfishness, and freemen out of the throes of political tyranny. O may our heroic past interpret to us our patriotic duty to redouble our devotion and cur enthusiasm for our homeland. O Lord God, do Thou stand in the midst of all earthly scenes and direct the upward movements of this weary world. O lead us all up the hills of time until Christendom conquers and civilization triumphs. In the name of the world's Redeemer we pray. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 1940

FATHER OF MERCIES, teach us to love Thy sacred word, and may we find our Saviour there; joined in one spirit, let us ever walk with Him. We thank Thee that our times are in Thine hands. Let the wounds and the sufferings of Him who died that we might live admonish us and gently woo us on to God. Enable us to conserve all the powers we possess for the better and the nobler pursuits of life. Impress us that there are no errors in Thy eternal scheme, and that Thy goodness and mercy will follow us all our days. Under all circumstances, hearing the call of our country, inspire us to obey the voices of our better selves, so shall we have the approval of our fellows and hear the "Well done" of our Father in Heaven. We rejoice that beneath the spreading heavens there is a good God, and He who clothes the lilies and feeds the ravens will clothe and feed His people, too. In the name of the everlasting Christ. Amen.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1940

O SACRED HEAD, with grief and shame weighed down, look upon us with Thy favor and vouchsafe to us Thy grace. Dissolve our hearts in thankfulness and may we rejoice in the sinner's dying Friend. We pray that each succeeding day may bring us in closer relationship with Thy truth, for in Thee our hope finds satisfaction and battles on through the contradictions of life. We thank Thee, dear Lord, for the cup of mercy which Thou hast forever filled. Bless us with the sense of pardon, with its sweet peace and joy; bless the altars of our homes with that love which will not let us go. When the splendor of the west is lingering in the summer sky, help us to see beyond the farther distances flowing into the sunset which is the dawn and the milestones of earth are past forever. In Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, we are most grateful that the head that once was crowned with thorns, an eternal diadem now adorns our Saviour's brow. We pray Thee to send forth laborers into the harvest, for it is very great. May they come from the east and from the west, and from the north and from the south; may they declare Thy glory among the peoples and Thy marvelous works among all nations. Heavenly Father, hear our prayer, for we are all debtors and stand in the compassion and breath of Thy condescending love. Keep us this day within Thy shadow, O Lord, for there is no life without its need; there is no heart without its pain; there is no hope without its cloud; and there is no prayer without its doubt. We devoutly pray for Thy rich blessing to rest upon every section of our broad land. O Spirit of God, graciously bless our beloved Speaker, who guides and presides over the deliberations of the Congress; mercifully be with every Member, as duties freighted with far-reaching responsibilities are upon all; let Thy

fatherly goodness be extended to all officers and employees. O Lord God, preserve us all in good health and strength, peace and happiness, and at the appointed time bring us together again without the loss of one. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 1940

Again, gracious Heavenly Father, in the dispensation of Thy providence we have seen the birth of a new day. We thank Thee. Be Thou unto us the wisdom that makes error difficult, the light that makes the darkness fade away, and the bread of heaven that quickens the best impulses of our souls. Consider us, O Lord, and bless the bonds of fraternity, the ties of friendship, and the affections of our homes. Blessed Lord God, the world gives peace to reward toil; give us Thine to prepare us for toil; it gives peace to exhausted energy; give us Thine to inspire action; it gives peace as a rest from labor; O give us Thine to arm us for today. Impress us that there is no armament so potent and enduring as that of the observance of moral, spiritual, and religious obligations of a great people and without that sanctuary there can be no perpetuation of the decencies and securities of any civilization. We pray for the Great Comforter that He may become our shield and buckler, our wealth and power, our preparedness, our love of liberty, and that He may forever make America unconquered and unconquerable. May no failures, no regrets, no afflictions, and no sin follow in the wake of this day. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1940

Most gracious God, our Heavenly Father, who hast called us to another day and assured us that we are still partakers of Thy life, before Thee nothing is common nor worthless in human life. We earnestly desire to enter into closer relationship with Thee. In labor, in association, and in the needful pauses, may we find cheer, high purpose, and an incentive to do the right and shun the wrong. Grant unto us wisdom to pursue splendid ends with intelligent zeal and patient effort that our service to our country may broaden, deepen, and bless all life. God bless America. It can be saved only by becoming permeated by the spirit of the Master and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of His spirit. The Christ will give to all those who walk in His way victory over the things that seem impossible. We reverently pray that our citizens throughout our land may give their lives in a colossal sacrifice out of which was born our national unity and our continuance as a nation. Almighty God, Thou hast a plan which will preserve us from drifting into a materially minded people, from ease and from moral laxity. O speak to us that we may hear a voice, not of ourselves, that will direct the character and destiny of our land, born in the guidance and fear of our infinite Heavenly Father. The Lord bless our Speaker and the Congress. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, we would wait on the Lord and find our strength in the heights. We beseech Thee to bless our President, our Speaker, the Congress, and every citizen of our country. To us has been given the task of establishing a citadel of freedom so strong that by our example the world may be redeemed from the poisonous weapon that bares its teeth into the breast of mercy and into the heart of love. In these perilous times, do Thou give wisdom, understanding, and caution to all.

O Thou who maketh the day to succeed the night and the light to shine out of darkness, we pray Thee to give us a resting place for our faith as beneath the lights of the firmament we stand and tremble; we seek Thee, O Christ, for our pains and tears. The joy and gladness of the happy hearts of a yesterday have been torn and shattered; they are bleeding because of the tragic death of their loved ones; noonday brightness has been transformed into the shades of sunset. O in the silence of their desert hours, help them to recognize the Voice that spoke over the turbulent water ages ago, saying, "Be not afraid; lo, I am with thee, and I will go with thee all the way"; in the tunnel of their affliction, let the light shine from Thy holy mount. O wait for them in the tears of Bethany, in the cross of Jerusalem, and in the songs of Galilee. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1940

BLESSED LORD GOD, we come to Thee in the name of Him who is above every name. Let Thy morning light of promise be in our hearts for Thy goodness is infinitely in excess of our needs and Thy mercy exceeds our sins. Forgive our failures, bridge our imperfections, and pass by our limitations. Purify all motives by which our conduct may be determined, and may we ever hold fast the truth that he that dwelleth in God dwelleth in love, for God is love; urge this truth in every mind. We pray that we may enjoy life, but ever hold it on the highest plane by keeping steadfast in faith, pure in love, and bright with spiritual outlook. Come to us and to our hearthstones and be our rest when the hours seem forbidding, our help in the moments of perplexity, and our balm for every wound. When earth's little while is over, permit us to pass on into the life eternal. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1940

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, we can only speak to Thee with faltering lips because of our human frailties. Enable us to commit our ways unto the Lord—any pure purpose, any worthy ambition, and any road we have to tread, be with us in every needful hour. Allow not, dear Lord, our labors to be checked by thought grinding against thought and desire against desire; we pray for Thy guiding presence at the very beginning of this day.

In Thy gracious design take us and keep us under Thy direction; be Thou the link that forges our unity and cooperation. Inspire us with the faith that conquers doubt and that gives the calm conviction that this is God's world and underneath are the everlasting arms; O be our refuge from all life's illusions and adverse conditions. While it is yet day, help us to walk in the steps of Him who is the way, the truth, the life, and Thine shall be the praise. In the name of our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1940

Almighty God, we praise Thee that divine grace is the grand good will from Thy bountiful hand. Grant that there may be no disquiet and unrest and a sense of a great uncertainty in our hearts; let an inspirational crusade of hope kindle the warmth and cheer of life, giving flavor of a glorious expectancy throughout all our days. Stay the tumult which sometimes surges in our breasts that with courage and calmness we may meet our duties; we ask Thy guidance in word and act. Sustain and support us in the presence of every temptation that we may not be blinded by evil passions nor swayed by impulses which are wrong. With generous hearts may we serve Thee, following the Master and the teachings of His cross. In His holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1940

O Thou Christ of God, we kneel before Thy cross for the world is steeped with sorrow as a flood of wrath is falling upon its bleeding heart. O God, beneath Thy guiding hand we pray that Thy word may be our law and Thy paths our chosen ways of peace. In the spirit and word of our President we wait at the altar of prayer in gratitude that throughout the years, as a republic, we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power. Almighty One, hold this Congress to the tremendous realization that democracy cannot breathe and survive on the ragged rocks of racial hate, in isolation, in the sands of a bigoted nationalism, or even behind the ramparts of steel. Forbid that our people should placidly rest on the retreating edges of an entangled spiritual wilderness and thus lose their way. Grant that we may harken to those sublime virtues which echo from Calvary—namely, honesty and purity, unselfishness and sacrifice—and weave them into the woof of our national life, guided by the Master's hand. We pray that in full and final renunciation, we may crucify all false notions, that the sin in us may be hated as we hate it in others. O Prince of Peace, the Ancient of Days, come to all humanity and ever be its ruler, guardian, and guide. In Thy holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, Maker of all things pure, Author of all life and Judge of all men, abide with us in the fullness of Thy mercy and wisdom. Do Thou possess our hearts and minds, enabling us to resist evil and overcome difficulty. Amid turbulent conditions and mental disquietude, O speak to men everywhere, without qualification or exemption: "I am the way, the truth, and the life"; touch the deep powers of their souls. To our fathers' God, we humbly pray for an overcoming faith in truth and freedom; from ocean to ocean may our land own Thee as Lord. O protect, preserve, and bless the soul of our Republic; for our country's weal we humbly appeal to Thee. Father of mercy and love, abide with our Speaker and grant that the Congress may ever cultivate a free, brotherly, and wholesome interchange of thought and be led to receive the injunction of the Psalmist: "Hope thou in God." In the blessed name of our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1940

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank Thee for the divinity of which we are conscious in our own breasts; may it ever be a supreme satisfaction to express it. As we wait upon Thee, give hush to every other voice and stir our minds with spiritual aspiration. Enrich these passing hours with service for our country that shall be supremely helpful and wise. Diligent and faithful, patient and helpful in our labors, may we know and understand that nothing finally wrong can endure. We pray Thee, blessed Lord, that the citizens of our fair land may always be persuaded that a high, splendid national life finds its noblest spring of excellence in that divine impulse to trust God and believe in the righteous destiny of man. Be with us this day, reminding us that in all we do and say Thou art nigh. O Love Divine that stoops to bless and dry the saddest tear, may our beloved Speaker rest in Thine arms, finding peace, rest, and restored strength. In the name of names, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1940

O THOU CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR OF MEN, come and walk with us in our human ways, filling each life with new meaning that we may understand that Thou art the genius and the inspiration of the highest good. Unto Thee we pray that every soul may confess that the enchanted pursuit of life is love, strong and deep; Christ-like love that is eternal. O let it urge and surge in our breasts, pushing us far beyond the reach of things earthly and temporary. We rejoice in the mighty faith and chivalry of those who are giving their all in defense of their land and homes from the ruthless weapons of the self-appointed gods of death. We beseech Thee that every sun down and every sun dawn may bring the world nearer to a rebirth of freedom. Almighty

God, contend with the foe; be the ally of justice, of brotherhood and humanity and let the dragon be cast out forever. Today let us pass quietly and clearly into a loyal service. Through Christ. Amen.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1940

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, today sorrow touches our earthly pilgrimage; do Thou weave a divine comfort about the altars of our hearts. We praise Thee that Thy earthly children, over whom the skies bend, are within the Father's fold; consider and hear us; in the midst of life we are in death. Thy ways are in the deep and Thy paths are in the mighty waters; yet, blessed Lord, Thy sovereignty is love and eternal good. We pray that our faith may see through the shadows and cleave steadfastly to Him who is the resurrection and the life. Heavenly Father, we pause with one accord in loving memory of him, our true friend and brother, a renowned statesman and patriot, whose distinguished services have become a part of our Nation's history. O let this hour freshen and deepen our devotion to our country as we pray at the shrine of our sorrowing hearts. Hear us as we bestow the silent tokens of our abiding affection. We praise Thee for his deep convictions of the right, courage, and for his unsullied honor. O blessed Lord God, the memory of this scholarly Christian gentleman we will not willingly allow to die out of our aching hearts. He loved the good, the beautiful, and the true, and saluted a greater future for his brother man. Comfort the loved ones in the shadows of their great loss, yet in the glow of a wonderful memory. Let the vision of our Lord and Saviour hang in the chambers of our breasts, and Thine shall be the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1940

O Lord, our God, Thou art the eternal source of every blessing and every joy; Thy goodness and mercy crown each day. Continue, our Father, to let the dawn of each day come to us with the breath of God. We thank Thee that our times are in Thy hands and Thou art with us in every state. Let us look beyond created things and find our abiding peace and fondest hopes in the sovereignty of our Lord and Saviour. Let us hear the inward voice that speaks and vitalizes human life. Give wisdom that we may know how to use our power and may all problems yield to one solution and that is to a high sense of right. Bless us with a deep zeal for righteousness, with sound reasoning which gives release to the channels of justice to all and let these be the fruits of the benediction of our Redeemer and Elder Brother. With sincerity of purpose and with quietness of temper, help us to pass through the duties of this day. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1940

O THOU LIVING AND GLORIFIED SAVIOUR, the cornerstone of God's great temple, as we go forth to meet the challenge of these turbulent times vouchsafe Thy presence unto us. We pray for the power of a faith that shall be in us, making a profound assurance that life is a venture with God. Clothe us with those spiritual values that reach highest, last longest, and make human life most memorable. In our hearts we pray that there may be no unforgiven sins, no cherished grudges, and no aching jealousies. Heavenly Father, many there are who are disturbed by doubt, others there are with broken lives walking the lonely road in fear and dread. O give to all questioning minds and tired hearts that peace and rest that come to those whose lives are hid with Christ in God. Become unto us all a fresh vision that will bring us to humility and penitence. Arm us with a high ethical religion, going deep into our convictions and spiritual lives, thus becoming an inspiration to the restless and distracted. O stand before the broken, aimless shuttles of our weak endeavors and weave the tangled threads into perfect patterns. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1940

O THOU OUR EVERLASTING PORTION, shine forth that we may see Thee with hearts and minds which are unafraid. Let us understand the solemn meanings of life that stir the soul to its sacred depths. Bless and strengthen us with patience serene, with self-respect undebased by the humblest service, with a gladness undimmed by the dullest duty, and with a faith that looks through the clouds and feels the rapture of the eternal verities. Heavenly Father, grant that we may abound in the genius of the soul—in faith, in purity, and in hope—thus working out an eternal weight of glory. O Thou hidden source of calm repose, may we leave to Thee the deep longings of our breasts, praying for Thy refreshing grace. As each day brings new light, new inspiration, and new opportunities of being good and doing good, may we know the brotherhood and yield to love its throne. In the blessed name of Jesus. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1940

O SAVIOUR OF MAN WE WAIT AT THE ALTAR OF PRAYER: As the hart panteth after the water brook, so panteth our souls after Thee, O God. Whither shall we go from Thy Spirit, or whither shall we flee from Thy presence? If we take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall Thy hand lead us and Thy right hand shall hold us. We thank Thee, blessed Lord, that Thou art our Father and wilt hear us when we pray. In this hour of humanity's struggle for the right and the tyrant's thirst for power, we pray that the world's human desert, so songless, and treeless, may become freshened and vitalized by the hidden mysteries

of the garden of the Lord. O river of God, flow this way. Out of the depths we pray Thee. Yield Thyself to the world's dark embrace and save it from the all-engulfing abyss of terror. Stay Thou the prowess of the mighty and be in the midst of the darkness until it quivers with the light, and the forces of evil fade away. O Saviour of the human way, come and draw nearer and nearer to the brokenhearted and the homeless, and hold them close to the bosom of the All-Father. Bless our Speaker and the Congress with wisdom and clear understanding. And unto Thee be eternal praise. Through Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1940

BLESSED FATHER IN HEAVEN, give us today the joy of happy hearts moving in the right direction. Create in us the splendor that dawns when we are brotherly, kind, and benevolent and know not station, race, nor creed. Deepen our spirits to receive Thy grace and make us eager to hear the voice in which duty compels and our country commands us. Inspire us to understand more of our own selves with their possible enrichments of aspirations, heroisms, and dreams. Building a very definite altar in our breasts, may we be rich in godliness lest we be the stricken children of time, whirled hither and thither by the merciless winds of fate and chance. Gracious Lord, we praise Thee for Thy wisdom and patience, for Thy power and love; yea, more than these for Him who is the bread, the water, and the light of life. In His holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, in the midst of the teeming, pain-stricken multitudes of earth is the broken peace, the bleeding heart, and the bitter cup shuddering on the verge of despair. We most humbly pray Thee, as the wind, the earthquake, and the fire are storming by, let the still, small voice break the silence. We bless Thee for the Christ, whose very garment is charged with sympathy and healing. For His sinless life, for His majesty and dignity, for His gentleness with the weary, the aged, and the suffering; for His patience with dull and ignorant men, for His passion to save the lost, and for His undying words that fell from His guileless lips, O Father of mercies, accept our deepest praise and gratitude. As the world is on the high seas which threaten to sweep it to an awful destiny, we pray that this Congress, as master and servant, lord and steward, may be clothed with a passion for doing the works of God and man. O Thou Holy One, who feels, loves, and lives, be Thou our imperishable strength and support that the high hopes of good men everywhere may not die at the touch of this present world's cruel reality. God bless America, our President, our Speaker, the leaders, and the Congress; encompass us with Thy truth, justice, and brotherhood. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1940

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that the remembrance of Thee may fill our breasts with peace and confidence. When we forget Thee and become unmindful of Thy mercies do Thou bear patiently with us. Let this truth challenge us: No career can be defeated and no life can be a failure that seeks and strives to do Thy will. Let Thy hand still lead us on in strength and courage. Cast out of our lives the things that cause grief and harm. O Father of light and truth, in these days of great responsibilities, may all our powers be consecrated to the public service. We praise Thee that civilization is not dead. "A thousand years in Thy sight are as yesterday when they are past." We pray that the passion of timelessness may surge through our thoughts. The chivalrous, courageous soldier bodies of the immortal yesterdays consecrate the soil and dust of this old earth. They walked through poisoned flames across the shuddering battlefields and made answer to righteous duty. Almighty One, increase the power of our faith in the ultimate destiny of democracy and the kingdom of our Lord. Speak, Lord, that the vandals of truth and humanity may not turn backward the immortal timepiece nor hold up the chariots of God. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1940

BE PLEASED TO HARKEN, O LORD, unto our supplication; in the love and mercy of Thy holy nature incline Thine ear unto us. We would praise and thank Thee for all Thy goodness and wonderful works to the children of men; Thou hast kept us and not we ourselves. Vouchsafe Thy continued blessing unto us and keep us this day without sin. We beseech Thee that Thy spirit may abide in all our hearts and enable us to glorify Thee in all that we do or say. Being conscious that it is very possible for us to live the fuller life with the Master, let Thy hand still lead us on from the world's fascinations to the everlasting harmonies and the spiritual joys and rest of the soul. Heavenly Father, by the darkened homes we may bless, by the ignorant we may teach, by the poor and starving we may feed and clothe, by all the good we may do, may we present ourselves a living sacrifice at the altar of our Lord. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1940

O LORD, OUR LORD, we thank Thee for life. Its highest reach is very simple and very grand. It declares the practice of a greatly gracious soul, seeking to be good and to do good, in magnificent daring for the sake of others. We pray Thee to endow us richly with the immortal graces of love and gratitude. Give wisdom that we may know how to use authority and discretion that the use of power may be restrained. Impress us that problems and difficulties should always yield to one solution and that is,

a high sense of right. Almighty God, we love our country. What thoughts can exhaust our wonder, what words can express our gratitude for the countless numbers who have died for us. We break our alabasters of thanksgiving upon the memories of those who have made possible our Christian institutions. We pray that we may ever firmly resolve that we would rather die than to live in a world ground down by falsehood and brutality. Let the divine voice call out from the breast of humanity, pursuing all tyrannies to their lowest depths until they reach the margin of the world. In the name of our ever-living Saviour—the Man of Nazareth. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1940

Blessed Lord God, we wait at the altar of prayer. As we recall Thy love and mercy, let these moments be the soul's sublimest mood and its most eloquent speech. O Man of Galilee, be Thou our teacher, our happy guest, and our quiet visitor today, always the same in heart and purpose. The wise plans which we took up with so much ardor and enthusiasm, may they not be cast aside. Those high hopes, cherished and born by such fond ambitions, those resolutions so sincerely formed, those vows which we made on bended knee, grant dear Lord that they may not be neglected, while the world holds sway round about us and they become life's sorrowing retrospect. With the spirit of a seraph, open our ears to the melodies of Nature and our eyes to catch the beatific vision: "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Every star is aflame with glory; every bush, like that at Horeb, is a tongue of fire, and the sound of many waters is the voice of the Lord. Heavenly Father, this human life, throbbing, eager, and feverish with its mingled lights and shadows, joys and sorrows, dreams and disillusions; with its pathos and laughter, is out of harmony with the divine will. O Thou who knowest the human heart, still its noblest passions until its emotions are resolved into the deeds of the Christ life. In His holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1940

Blessed Lord, let us pause and recall that the humanity of our Saviour is an everlasting, continuous, and unchanging revelation of the divine neart. What He was, He is the same—warm sympathetic Elder Brother who feels our sorrows and is touched with a feeling of our infirmities. Teach us that there were wounds in that tender heart deeper and more painful than even the crown of thorns. In His tragic moments, with pathos so deep and strange, and with human surprise He asked: "Could ye not watch with me one hour?" Forbid that we should ever be thoughtless or faithless to any trust placed upon us. Almighty God, look with pity and mercy upon this world. Pity it in its tendencies, in its iron cruelties, in its debasing selfishness, and in all its wickedness. Our Lord and Saviour is still assailed by the cruel mockeries of men; the reed is still in His hand,

the crown of thorns is still tearing His brow, and the multitudes are still leading Him to Calvary. O Heavenly Father, fill us with the light of the morning and allow no sorrowing memories to crowd our thoughts. In these solemn moments we pray: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, we would ask with the Apostle: "Lord to whom shall we go?" Thou hast the words of eternal life. Thou art the light that strikes its pathway of gold through the ages and art still the light of the world. Heavenly Father, the human intellect seems to be roving, like a flashlight through the night, feeling darkness everywhere. We pray for a light to guide us through the darkness, shedding its glow across a trackless desert; we beseech Thee for the mighty guiding beacon of the Christ in whom the heart and the mind of the Infinite One are revealed, who has no horizon and sees all things as they are. Do Thou endow us with the power and influence of His life—nobility of soul, purity of heart, a spirit overflowing with love, ceaseless activity in doing good, a conscience void of offense before God and man and the peace of mind that passeth all understanding, and Thine shall be the praise and glory forever. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1940

HEAVENLY FATHER, we pray that the divine voice may penetrate the holy of holies of our breasts saying, "Man shall not live by bread alone." Today put us in possession of our best thoughts and holiest feelings. He who brings some new thought of the Christ, quickening the soul with holy love, opens within a well of water springing up into everlasting life. O God, give us to understand that life is not a dowry to be selfishly squandered, but a stewardship to be faithfully discharged; self-care for the good of others is good and right. Blessed Lord, reveal to us more and more the glory and the redeeming power of our Lord. In our vision let us see the withered hand with eager, nervous, trembling finger thrust forward to touch the hem of His garment and the light of health and peace flooding one sad life. O what a breaking of day over the dark inner world of that confused and disappointed one; O Master, touch our hearts and minds and lead us in the way everlasting. In Thy Holy Name. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1940

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY. Let our faith in Thee be so simple, our vision so clear, and our hold on Thee so certain that as our prayer trembles into silence we shall be inspired to do good in countless, quiet ways. Teach us that self-denial and self-surrender are the measures and worth of man's greatness. Let there be a sorrow for sin, a yearning after peace and purity,

and heartfelt longings for service and usefulness. We earnestly pray Thee, blessed Lord, let not the sun set in a world's sky of lead with a scarce, single ray of light, leaving its destiny upon a stricken heart. By bravely fighting, patient endurance, and quiet suffering may its weary burden measure our heroism and chivalry of soul. Unveil the cross before the waiting eyes of our fellow countrymen and let it be magnified in our daily lives. Let us live to toil for life while others are dying for life; this is true nobility. Do Thou direct our President, our Speaker, and the Congress in all their ways; this is our humble prayer. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1940

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1940

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we thank Thee for the light of Him, though it shines faintly in us, yet it breaks forth in full-orbed glory and arches the skies of the world. Amid the thick darkness that shrouded Calvary His heavenly compassion is as the radiance of the sun breaking through a bank of storm clouds. It fell upon His malefactors for whom He prayed; it lingered about the bent form of Mary, His holy, grief-stricken mother, and He opened the door for the first repentant sinner of the uplifted cross. In His name we pray that beyond the night with which this world is struggling we may soon see the promise and hope of the morning. O come, blessed Christ, shine like a beacon through these stormy times and rest like a halo on the brow of groveling humanity until the scorching flames of hate are extinguished in their own tomb of darkness. Long-suffering God, judge of all the earth, we pray Thee to chasten the proud and the intolerant which so often make life a solemn mockery and a sorrowing delusion. Bless our brothers of other lands and give them the gift of peace. The Lord God bless America with her valleys and with the dawn upon the mountains, with her winding roads, meadows, forests, and with her teeming cities where cross the crowded ways of human life; ever enable her citizens to maintain the life-line of our Republic. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1940

Heavenly Father, in this sacred moment, we pray that our souls may be awake to the real meaning of life and the vision of God through Christ our Saviour. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, in the spiritual anguish and moral struggle of this world, enable us to listen to Thy teaching: Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose it shall preserve it. Heavenly Father, we pray that the words of our Master shall root deep in the deepest places of our thought. Upon this rock rests the superstructure of a life that is truly Christian. Do Thou rest our souls upon this sublime utterance that there is no finding except by losing; no getting but by giving, and no living save through dying; in the footprints of our Redeemer lies the shadow of the cross. Gracious God, lead us in His pathway of life. In His holy name. Amen.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1940

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, teach us to love men with the Redeemer's passion, not only for the sake of their temporal welfare but for their spiritual and eternal being. Let an undefiled conscience be more to us than position, wealth, or favor. Send us forth full of tender, human sympathy, doing good in countless, unobtrusive ways. O the homes we may bless, the hearts we may heal, the ignorance we may teach, and all the good we may do! Blessed Lord God, we pray Thee to give encouragement to all agencies for human welfare and touch all hearts with the compassion of the Master, that, sharing our good fortune, we may thus translate our creed into deed and truly follow Thee. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1940

HEAVENLY FATHER, we praise Thee that in Christ was life, and that life was the light of men. We would seek the meaning, the purpose, the joy, and the greatness of that life touching the secrets of our hearts, stirring our noblest passions, blending His majesty with our humility, His strength with our weakness, and His forgiveness with our confession. God bless our country and lift it into the overtone of spiritual power, grant that peace and plenty may reign within her borders and happiness and contentment in her homes. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1940

MOST MERCIFUL GOD, our Heavenly Father, we praise Thee that while hope has its end, faith has her reward. We rejoice that Thou art eternal light, love, and peace; over us soars the eternal skies and beneath us is the Lord's earth. We pray Thee to hold us to the realization that faith is the golden thread running through the pearls of all the virtues that never die, and where intellect and character awaken to the statutes of the Lord. Do Thou make us superior to all things sordid and distrustful, opening up the rich treasures of religion and morality. Reveal the vision of a steady, united people, arresting diversity and collisions of opinion until they are fading

memories. O Master who didst trample the billows into peace, set our ways toward the untrodden future, ever deepening our consciousness that the soul life of our democracy is truer than we realize and diviner than we think. Almighty God, we breathe our prayer at the throne of grace for our distinguished President, our notable Speaker, the leaders and the Mems bers of the Congress, and for our citizenry everywhere. Let our faith and our loyalty to them be behind the stars, whispering that life in America is grandly human and our ministry will continue until the last breath of heaven-born aspiration; O conquer all fears, banish all doubts, and immortalize all hopes. Grant that our fondest dreams shall ever be to raise our children in this free, Christian land, traveling on life's common way in cheerful godliness with reverence for the highest and with patience for the lowliest. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1940

Thou blessed Saviour so high and lowly, so great and tender, so far away and yet so near, Thou wilt never be surpassed. Removed from greed and anxiety, from passion and hollowness, Thou givest to withering age and little children inspiration and gladness. We pray that the light of Thy truth may so shine throughout our land that justice, self-restraint, and unity of purpose shall determine and measure our influence and service. O God, we bow in shadow of our unnamed, uncalendared, and unknown soldier dead. We rejoice today that there is no dead past. Time has passed since his fateful day, yet it has not dimmed the glory of his sacrifice nor lessened our honor and reverence for his memory. We pray that he may live in the throbbing heart of the present, urging us to vaster deeds, stirring in all hearts a finer appreciation and deeper love for the opportunities and the glorious privileges of our fair Republic. His is not the throne of a king nor the shouting of royalty at the banquet table, but we rejoice that his crown symbolizes a high place in authority, in our purposes, and in the counsels of our Government. On this day may all our citizens renew their vows and pay their homage at the altar of the world we love to call our own. In the dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1940

Blessed Lord and Saviour of us all, do Thou hear the whisper of every breast. Reveal unto us that Thy plan is not to lessen our duties but to enlarge our privileges, not to lighten the task but to increase our skill, not to diminish our burdens but to inspire our strength, to give contentment in adversity, and satisfaction in labor. For Thy goodness unto us our human speech has no words. Thou art our Father; enable us to trust when we cannot understand; when a dark cloud banks itself against the sky of hope, enable us to stand and believe that it is a testimony of the divine heart that still beats to the eternal in man. We praise Thee that the zone of Thy

fatherhood in its sympathies and provisions is as wide as the races of earth. We rejoice that it is the fatherhood of God and human struggle, the brotherhood of man—eternity. In the name of our Redeemer. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1940

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, with the spirit of gratitude in our hearts, we pray that with courageous endeavor we may be worthy of life's "well done"; herein is reality, simplicity, and the life splendid. Grant that we may have some token of Thy presence, being a covert for any who may be depressed, pursued, or who may be gazing to the past and refusing to behold the future with a mighty hope; help us all, dear Lord, to sing Thy praise, flaming again the lamps of a compelling faith that the cast-down shall not be forsaken, the wounded shall be healed, and those who are slain shall be brought gloriously to life. Let us harken unto Thy word: "Let no man glory in men, for all things are yours, whether Paul, or Apollas, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's and Christ is God's." Almighty One, we humbly beseech Thee to perform a mighty miracle and command the sun of time to stand still until the armies of the Lord shall have driven afar the last Philistine and raise up the common brotherhood of man made powerful by the spirit of the Master. In His holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1940

UNTO THEE, O LORD, do we lift up our hearts; hear Thou us from Thy dwelling place, and when Thou hearest, forgive. O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men. Heavenly Father, Thou who art infinite truth, wisdom, and light for our dark day, consider and hear us. The stars and the mountains, fields and forests, vales and flowering meadows speak of Thy glory and call for Thy praise. Do Thou bless family groups and the aged waiting for the morning. We pray Thee to guard our youth as they feel the challenge of an earnest call to serve their day and generation. O everywhere throughout our broad domain, turn blight into bloom and gloom into light and let every fireside sing unto the Lord and show forth His salvation from day to day. Almighty God, banish bitterness of spirit and resentment of thought from the breasts of all our citizens and unite them in the common weal of all classes. Give Thy richest benedictions to all ministers and teachers of the Word of God. O do Thou temper the wind and the wave for our absent and separated loved ones and bless us all with the mercy of grateful hearts. Graciously regard and abide with our President, our Speaker, the Members, officers, and employees of the Congress. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1940

Blessed Lord and only Saviour, O love that passeth knowledge, on Thee we wait at the altar of prayer. Let us all feel the deeper currents of our natures and understand their meaning and aspirations, longing for Thy refreshing grace. Shed upon our path the glow of a day of promise, the softened light that beacons and cheers, quickening our devotion in the service of our country, looking unto Him who lived, walked, worked, and talked as a holy man. Heavenly Father, may we be all one in our democracy, taller in spirit and broader in mind, never forfeiting the finest ideals of life, even though rocks were melted into jewels, flowing like a golden river into our lives. We beseech Thee, O God, to free our land of the poison being injected into the arteries of our Republic. Let Christian brotherhood go deep into the throbbing centers of our city—centers where cross the crowded ways of life and Thine shall be the glory through Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1940

Our Heavenly Father, we pray for vision that we may arise to the high privileges of our tasks as each new day challenges us to nobler and better effort. Allow nothing, blessed Lord, to lessen the value, the dignity, and the thorough cooperation of the Congress, understanding that to give happiness and to do good are the chief functions of true character. When perplexity arises, give us patience and enable us to put aside all things useless and hurtful. Bless all institutions of our land which succor the unfortunate, that train and inspire our youth. More and more let the dreams of freedom and national fraternity be realized by all our fellow countrymen. In the name of our Elder Brother, our Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1940

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness. According to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins. Create in us, O God, clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1940

THOU, O LORD, art high above all the earth; light is sown for the righteous and gladness for the upright in heart. We praise Thee that the billowing tides of love and mercy are ever flowing out from the Divine heart. As Thy kingdom is neither meat nor drink, but righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit, we thank Thee that herein is the eternal remedy for all human ills. We turn in humble appeal to our Master, who takes unbrotherliness out of the hearts of men, who are so often adrift on the high seas of a turbulent, confusing day. O Thou who art a good God, help us to acquire the best minds and the purest souls which transcend time itself. Blessed Saviour, Thou who art the basis of all worthful progress, clothe the Congress with unswerving loyalty to conscious duty; O let knowledge and understanding come and wisdom linger. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1940

ALL HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED! Thy name shall stand forever, giving hope and peace through all the aching, human years, wider than the world, longer than the ages. Thou who art the miracle and the might of our Heavenly Father upon earth, forbid that we should obscure Thy truth, for it is the power of God unto salvation. Teach us to submit ourselves to Thee, O Christ, for Thou art rich in mercy, love, and pity. Within the sweep of Thy redeeming power, grant that all drooping spirits may be inspired by the life hopeful and the life courageous. We humbly pray for the presence of humanity's Lord and King that He may arrest all passion and prejudice and lift man to the heights from which he is being struck down. Dark though the day may be, we entreat Thee to make our faith unwithering, unwasting, and commensurate with our needs and appeals. Heavenly Father, hear us for this burdened world, threatened with moral and spiritual paralysis, for its countless hosts whose names shall never be graven on a stone, and for all languishing hearts that give no sign. Thou art the one God and the one *man* our souls can follow through all the future, widening years. In the urgency of these days, we pray Thee that Thy strength, vision, and wisdom may be given our President, our Speaker, and the Congress. In our Saviour's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1940

THY WORD, O GOD, IS WITH US: "Attend to know understanding; get wisdom and forget it not." We pray Thee, enable us to heed and clothe this divine injunction in the radiant vestments of gracious, consecrated activity, finding ourselves each step nearer the blessed ideal and nearer the deeper meaning of life's mission. Oh, let nothing come between us and the light; free all minds from prejudice, for only in the tolerance of

others do we really live. Permit not that sad day to come when material achievement has outrun the unaging sanctities of the immortal soul; let it ever be the sanctuary of the spirit of the *Son of Man*. In these forbidding days, we beseech Thee; hold us to the realization that evil may be wrought by the lack of thought, thus marring the divinity within our own natures. We praise Thee for the Infinite One, whom we may ever approach, but never surpass—the dateless, timeless Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. In His holy name. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1940

THOU WHO ART THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST, the bright and the morning star, hear our prayer. We pray Thee to make the horizon of our lives broader, remembering that over all, through all, and in all Thou art working. To those whose better natures tremble and are afraid, to those who struggle with poverty and whose labor brings so little comfort and warmth, be Thou a providence unto them. Grant that we may have a deeper conception of the riches of Thy grace. As all creation is yearning and longing to see the manifestation of the sons of God, O become a power and a comfort to all those whose noonday is threatened with sunset. Heavenly Father, in this day, with its broken glimpses of light, while the tragical life of the world goes on, grant that the grasping hand of plunder may soon be cut off and the world know that the Christ and not Caesar speaks the final word by which men and nations are to live. Encourage all churches, all schools, and all teachers in their efforts to spread abroad a more vigorous desire for the reformation of morals. We rejoice that Thy mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and beyond all discordant voices there is true peace and unwearying toil. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1940

WE PRAISE THEE, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, for the eternal precepts enunciated by our Saviour and exemplified in His incomparable life and character. We draw near to Thee in prayer that we may feel His presence and be assured in our quest for a life of devotion to our holy faith, that humanity's hopes may be realized in the timeless Christ. O Blessed One, come to all oppressed hearts with their unfinished tasks, unsolved problems, and with their broken hopes. Give the Congress Thy benediction of grace and show us how to bring together, for the common good of all, the great currents of human life flowing side by side. We pray that our country may be wiser and all homes happier for our passing this way. Heaven's blessings upon all Good Samaritans the wide world over, who are binding up wounds, bringing strength to the strengthless and God to the godless. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1940

OUR BLESSED FATHER IN HEAVEN, infinite in wisdom, power, and goodness, we pause at the altar of prayer. We thank Thee for the Christ, who is the divine heartthrob from the dawn of time. We pray Thee to bring all men into the kingdom of love, which forever flames beyond the bounds of sense. From the simplest to the wisest, draw us nearer that epoch and epic when we shall behold the glorified cross and understand that the enchanted pursuit of life is brotherly love, deep and strong, and which is the measure of man's greatness. O God, humanity, grown so very weary by its long, long tramp down through the ages, bewildered and indicted because of its unbrotherly hatreds and unfilial relations, we humbly beseech Thee to let its darkness be dissolved in the foreglow of Mary's Holy Child. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1940

HEAVENLY FATHER, Thou whose sacrificial love is always stooping to our needs, whisper to our hearts: "I am near." Bring to our remembrance the Christ that we may feed upon Him in our hearts by faith and thanksgiving; were it not for Him, the old world would, indeed, be a vast asylum of despair. O come, Holy One, and let us hear again the glad tidings of great joy. Let them sing in the hearts of children and the aged; let them permeate the cottages of the poor and the homes of the rich. We pray that Thy spirit of unselfish brotherhood may possess us, giving thought to those who need it, sympathy to those who crave it, praise to those who deserve it, and affection to those who are starving for it. Show us, blessed Lord, that the highest joy of life is in renouncing selfishness that we may help and save others. O let the Star of Bethlehem light up the dark places in all lands; when once it ceases to shine, there will be a dull, black socket in the world's sky; have mercy, O Lord, and remember us. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1940

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, that Thou dost make the sun to shine upon the evil and the good and sendest the rain upon the just and the unjust. Thou lovest all men regardless of rank or station and givest them a worth beyond the values of this world. We thank Thee that Thou hast sent Thine only begotten Son to spread the evangel of Divine love. As we approach the doorway of the birth of our Lord, let love and good will mount the thrones of our beings; let them flow through the channels of our daily lives. God bless America; may her mission be to cut the fetters of oppression and not weld them, to heal wounds and not produce them; to quench the fires of hate and not kindle them. The

Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift the light of His countenance upon you and give you peace. In the name of our blessed Saviour. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1940

O THOU WHO ART THE LIGHT OF LOVE, unto Thee do we offer our praise and adoration. Thou who art the Bearer of the light of the world, let it shine forevermore. Today Thy holy benediction breathes sweetly and lovingly into sight amid storm and earthquake, wind and tide. O God, in triumphant faith would we sail the turbulent waters and with Thee, O Christ, climb the hills of difficulty. We humbly pray that the glory of the manger may shine forth; that our entire country may be the knight errant of the poor and that every little window may be radiant with the Christmas Star and all low rafters exalted as the angelic hosts hover near and sing their immortal song.

Behold, O Lord, how the earth doth lie in darkness and wickedness, reeling beneath the scourge of war. O Prophet of God, we urgently pray that its guise may fall and that the haggard monster may be realized as the dire enemy of man's soul. O for Thy strong arm on which we may lean and a guide to throw light upon our pathway; clear our Father's face that it may be seen behind the darkest cloud. Comfort the sick and the sorrowing and bless them with Christmas cheer that all discords may be sweeter and happier in the spirit of the advent of our Lord and Saviour. May a new day of hope and cheer bring its benedictions to all the world. In the name of Mary's Holy Child. Amen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1940

ALMIGHTY GOD, in the afterglow of the Christmas life and pledge, we thank Thee that it has touched childhood and made it beautiful; that it has touched our homes and made them joyous. We pray for its blessing to fall upon all paths of industry, making them sacraments; O lead all feet in the ways of law, justice, and brotherhood. Heavenly Father, soon will pass another year beyond the horizon; it seems like the flight of a bird; how brief and shrunken the time. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Impress us that time is short and the building of character is more than the achievement of a great city. Blessed Lord, here between the old and the new year, let us dedicate ourselves to the highest aspirations, becoming a free and a Christian people. Frozen by the wintry nature that encompasses them, expel from our memories all hatreds, all jealousies, all passions, and all ingratitude that they may drop in the gulf of oblivion. Let the evil and the chaff of life pass with them with the realization that a good character is the ripe fruit that earth holds up to God. We earnestly pray that we may carry into the new year the choicest thoughts

and the wisest purposes. O Father of mercy, we gratefully say: Farewell to the past, all hail to the future, because our trust is in Thee. In our Redeemer's name. Amen.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1941

O THOU WHO ART ABOVE ALL THINGS—all tumults, all conflicts, all life, and supreme from everlasting to everlasting—hear us while we pray; let the musings of the eternal mind murmur around us. In our relation to our country, our homes, the good, the bad, the rich, and the poor, we pray that the sweetness and the tenderness of the Christian spirit may assert itself. O let our souls bring from the fields of valiant faith the living sheaves of God. Blessed Father, may the hungry have bread, the homeless shelter, and our people everywhere comfort; help us all to follow the heavenly music of our Master's message. Our loved ones near and far, ever keep them beneath the shadow of Thy wing. We rejoice that Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from the beginning of time, Thou art God. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants and Thy glory unto their children. When our course runs out at the ebb of the world that we love so dearly, may we have a welcome to our Father's arms, through Him who became the manger Babe but now is glorified forever as the world's Saviour. In our dear Redeemer's name. Amen.

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